WEATHER.

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FURTHER EFFORTS TO ADJUST THE MEXICAN SITUATION UNLIKELY

Joint Commission Considers the Reply of Carranza Refusing to Sign Protocol.

MAY DRAFT ANSWER TODAY

Fresh Impetus is Given Report That Pershing's Expedition is to be Withdrawn.

PROTOCOL IS MADE PUBLIC

Intimated Fletcher May Soon Take Up Post in Mexico.

Washington, Jan. 2. —When the American members of the Mexican-American joint commission had finished consideration today of General Carranza's reply failing to comply with their demand that the protocol providing for withdrawal of the American troops from Mexico be ratified, there were indications that efforts to enter into an agreement with the de facto government through the commission would be abandoned.

For the first time an official admission was made that Carranza had refused to sign the protocol. The commissioners said they expected to draft their responses to Carranza tomorrow.

Fletcher to Take Up Post?

The failure of the commission to give Mexican-American relations a brighter aspect was offset somewhat by official intimations that Henry P. Fletcher, confirmed as ambasador to Mexico almost a year ago, was about to start for his post, where American interests now are represented by a clerk. The report that Gen. Pershing's expedition soon would be withdrawn regardless of Carranza's attitude also gained fresh impetus and it was understood the administration has this move under very serious consideration.

Mr. Fletcher conferred with President Wilson after today's cabinet meeting and later referred inquiries as to whether he would go to Mexico to President Wilson and Secretary Lansing. No statement was forthcoming from the White House or the State Department.

No Immediate Withdrawal Considered.

Secretary Baker said no plans for immediate withdrawal of the troops had been considered. It is known, however, that Army officers are pressing strongly for their re-call, contending that in their present position they cannot be effective toward protecting the border; that they are in a bad strategic position and should be brought out and distributed along the border with plans perfected for sending a force across the line at some more desirable points if the occasion should arise in the future.

Eliseo Arredondo, Mexican ambassador designate, announced during the day that he had been summoned to Mexico to confer with General Carranza regarding the relations of the two nations. This was construed in some quarters as indicating a determination by Carranza to withdraw his diplomatic representative. Mr. Arredondo stated, however, that he expected to return within a few weeks to resume his duties. His family remains in Washington.

Ramon P. Denegri, former consul general of the Carranza government in San Francisco, will act as charge of the Mexican embassy temporarily.

The text of the protocol signed at Atlantic City was made public by the American commissioners tonight for the first time.

Text of the Protocol.

Following is the text of the protocol:

"Protocol of agreement, ad referendum, withdrawal of American troops from Mexican territory and protection of the American-Mexican international boundary.

"Signed at Atlantic City, N. J., November 24, 1916.

"Memorandum of an agreement signed this 24th day of November, one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, by Franklin K. Lane, George Gray and John R. Mott, special commissioners of the President of the United States of America, and Luis Cabrera, Ygnacio Bonillas and Alberto J. Pani, special commissioners of the citizen first chief of the constitutionalist army entrusted with the executive power of the Mexican nation.

"Article I.—The government of the United States agrees to begin the withdrawal of American troops from Mexican soil as soon as practicable, such withdrawal subject to the further terms of this agreement, to be completed not later than .....; that is to say, forty (40) days after approval of this agreement by both governments.

"Article II.—The American commander shall determine the manner in which the withdrawal shall be effected so as to insure the safety of the territory effected by the withdrawal.

"Article III.—The territory evacuated by the American troops shall be occupied and adequately protected by the constitutionalist forces, and such evacuation shall take place when the con-

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MURPHY CHOSEN TO PRESIDE IN HOUSE

Rowan Man the Unanimous Choice of Democratic Caucus, Others Having Withdrawn.

SENATE HONORS HARDING

Pitt County Senator Named for President Pro Tem.—Alex. Lassiter Principal Clerk of House—McCrary Minority Leader.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 2. — The unanimous selection by the Democratic caucus of the House tonight for speaker was Walter Murphy, of Rowan. He was without opposition, for the reason that both H. A. Page, of Moore, and Gallatin Roberts, of Buncombe, withdrew from the race during the afternoon. Page first announced his withdrawal, and then Mr. Roberts, in the interest of unanimity in the party ranks and to save the caucus a possibly long and troublesome contest, also retired in favor of Mr. Murphy.

Representatives Roberts, of Buncombe; Page, of Moore, and Stubbs, of Martin, were sent as a special committee to inform Mr. Murphy of his nomination and escort him in. Murphy was given an ovation. He said he appreciated deeply the honor and trust. He had no pet legislation to get through, but wanted to serve the legislature as best he could. There would be business of great importance, and he expected the support and co-operation of the members for the proper dispatch of business. He would preside impartially and fairly. He would be progressive enough, but sufficiently reactionary not to rush ahead of the times.

Mr. Murphy's nomination was by R. A. Doughton, of Alleghany, who told of his past legislative service covering six sessions and the speakership of the 1913 extra session, and of his exceptional qualifications.

For principal clerk, Alex. Lassiter and Frank Hackett tied, 47 to 47, on the first ballot, and Lassiter won on the second, 52 to 41.

Other officers of the House nominated were: Engrossing Clerk, O. P. Shell, Harnett; Sergeant at Arms, J. H. Morning, Wake; Reading Clerk, D. P. Dellinger, of Gaston.

H. P. Grier, of Iredell, was made permanent chairman of the House caucus, and J. E. Pegram, of Durham, secretary, to serve throughout the legislature.

The Senate caucus chose F. C. Hard-

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UNION OF METHODISTS IS NOT YET IN SIGHT

Disposition of Negro Membership One Problem Unsolved.

Joint Commission Adjourns to Meet Again June 27.—Resolution Adopted Leaving Door Open for Further Negotiations.

Baltimore, Jan. 2.—After adopting a resolution that leaves open the door for future negotiations and setting June 27 as the date for the next meeting, the joint commission on unification of the Methodist Episcopal church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, adjourned today.

It is understood the disposition of the negro Methodists was the one problem for which no solution was found. Bishop Earl Cranston, of the Northern body, was named chairman of a committee appointed to deal with this question and report at the next meeting. The resolution says it was agreed that the fundamental and vital issues were the general conference, and its powers; the jurisdiction conferences, the number and powers, and the status of the negro membership of the Methodist Episcopal church in the re-organized church.

"It was believed," the resolution continues, "that if agreement should be reached touching the three items mentioned above, with time and patience and with the help of the Holy Spirit, the details of a plan for the unification of Methodism could be worked out.

"We are happy to be able to report that we find ourselves in general agreement concerning many of the questions involved. However, in view of the magnitude of these questions, it was manifestly impossible for us to reach final considerations. For further considerations, however, we have referred these subjects to strong committees with instructions to present a detailed report at a session of the joint commission to be held June 27, at a place to be designated."

LAWSON IS UNABLE TO PRODUCE NAMES

Neither of Men Responsible for "Leak" Nor of Those Who "Cleaned Up" Fortunes.

CONFERS WITH MR. HENRY

Chairman of the House Rules Committee Issues Statement Saying That so Far as He is Concerned the Matter is Closed.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Two conferences today between Thomas W. Lawson and Representative Henry, chairman of the House Rules committee, resulted in an announcement by Mr. Henry that the Boston financier had been unable to furnish any names or other definite information about the alleged "leak" in advance of President Wilson's peace note and that so far as he was concerned the matter would be dropped.

"Certainly no sensible person," said Mr. Henry's statement, "would ask me to trouble the committee with a meeting to chase a mirage. And I must say that so far as this matter between Mr. Lawson and myself is concerned, it is ended.

"In a thorough conference, the alleged leak has been discussed by Mr. Lawson and myself. I have asked him for the names of those thought to be responsible for the so-called leak between the State Department and Wall Street. He cannot give me a single name. He cannot even give me the names of those charged by him with cleaning up sixty millions of dollars in connection with the leak and is not able to furnish me the name of even one of the suspects."

Mr. Lawson issued a statement tonight asserting that Washington did not want an investigation, and that Chairman Henry would not act unless the leak-makers and beneficiaries confessed to him in advance. He said he had been in Washington until he was tired and was going home because there was "absolutely nothing doing."

NO DEMAND HAS BEEN MADE UPON GERMANY BY SPAIN.

Recent Note on U-Boat Activities Not as Severe as Reported.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Spain's recent note to Germany on the submarine question was authoritatively described today as not having been as severe as press dispatches from Madrid have indicated. Confidential information received here, together with a statement issued by the Spanish embassy, indicates that the published version confused the note with an official statement concerning the situation given to the Spanish newspapers at the time the note was dispatched.

SAYS TRAINS ALLOWED UNNECESSARY DELAYS

W. G. Lee Charges It is Railroads' Scheme to Fight 8-Hour Law.

Says Unusual Over-Time is Permitted to Show Enormous Expenses Which Would Follow Obedience to the Adamson Act.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 2.—W. G. Lee, chief of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, issued a statement here today charging that the railroads of the country are permitting delays to trains and overtime which would not ordinarily be permitted, in order to prove the enormous expense that would follow obedience to the Adamson law. The statement asks whether if the Supreme Court declares the law either constitution or invalid, the brotherhoods should continue to await the eight-hour day.

It learned from an authoritative source today that the general chairman of the four brotherhoods will hold a meeting in Chicago January 11 to consider the situation. The statement reads:

"The railways enjoined the government from enforcing the Adamson law. Additional litigation will thereafter very likely be started by the railways on the plea of determining 'to whom does the law apply or how does it apply?'

"Already the railroads are permitting delays to trains, overtime made, etc., that would not be permitted under normal conditions.

"Recall if you can an instance where labor organizations have attempted to enjoin the government from enforcing a Federal statute. Such organizations are law-abiding instead of law breakers.

"Remember the railways are not enjoining the brotherhoods, but are enjoining the government.

"The question is after the Supreme Court has said the law 'is' or 'is not' constitution, shall the employes, who President Wilson and Congress declared should have the eight-hour basic work day, forget their request and continue to wait?"

EASTERN CAROLINA SHIPPERS WIN OUT

State to Have Rate Basing Points and Through Transportation Routes Via Two Ports.

WILMINGTON AND NEW BERN

Decision and Recommendations of Examiner Watkins of Interstate Commerce Commission in "Baltimore Line" Case Received.

(By Emmett R. Brown).

Goldsboro, N. C., Jan. 2.—The Goldsboro chamber of commerce has received the decision and recommendation of Attorney-Examiner Watkins, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, who presided at the hearing of the case of the Goldsboro chamber of commerce and Baltimore-Carolina Steamship Company against the Atlantic Coast Line, Seaboard Air Line, Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern.

The decision and recommendation of Examiner Watkins is a most sweeping victory for the shippers of Eastern North Carolina and will result, for the first time in the history of North Carolina, in the establishment of rate basing points in the State and through transportation routes via two ports.

The Goldsboro chamber of commerce argued to the commission that the accepted basis that freight can be transported four times cheaper by water than by rail, the longer water haul from Baltimore to Wilmington and New Bern, plus the short rail haul from these ports to interior points in North Carolina, would result in a cheaper transportation charge than the present so-called standard route through Norfolk, embracing a very short water haul to Norfolk, plus a long rail haul. Under this argument in connection with the Panama Canal act, resulted the decision given above.

Based on the amount of tonnage from Baltimore to Goldsboro, providing shippers patronize the steamer lines, this decision will result in a saving of approximately $16,000 annually to Goldsboro shippers, but the most far-reaching feature in the tremendous victory is elimination of the commercial handicap heretofore existing in favor of Virginia cities over North Carolina towns.

Complainants, Baltimore-Carolina Steamship Company and Goldsboro chamber of commerce, alleged in their complaint filed in this proceeding, that the rate of defendants for switching between the dock of the steamship company and industries at Wilmington, N. C., are unreasonable and discrimina-

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STUDYING FREE LIST FOR PLACING TARIFF

Revenue Problem Has Assumed Great Proportions.

Administration Leaders Considering Placing Duty on Commodities Other Than Coffee, Rubber, Wool and Sugar.

Washington, Jan. 2.—The problem of raising additional revenue for the government to avoid the threatened deficit at the end of the next fiscal year, has assumed such proportions that administration leaders in congress are reviewing the entire free list to consider the advisability of placing tariff duties on other commodities than coffee, rubber and wool and increasing the present tariff on sugar.

Estimates placed before the Ways and Means committee by Treasury Department experts are said to show that under a maximum tariff of 5 per cent these four commodities probably would not yield more than $45,000,000. Secretary McAdoo estimates that approximately $195,000,000 will have to be raised by taxation.

The chief remaining articles on the free list, not eliminated by the policy of non-disturbance of such big industries as the iron and steel trade, include cocoa, drugs, undressed furs and skins, meats, oils, potatoes, silk and tea. Other articles on the free list understood to have been virtually eliminated from consideration are copper and iron ore, leather and steel products such as rails.

Additional sources of revenue under consideration by the committee include articles on which the internal revenue bureau collects an excise tax, notably tobacco. Tobacco already is under heavy excise and tariff taxes, but some officials feel that considerably more revenue could be raised by imposing additional taxes which would not add appreciably to the cost to the consumer.

Original proposals under consideration involved placing an additional tariff of from one-quarter to one-half a cent a pound on sugar and from 3 to 5 per cent on the value of wool, rubber and coffee. Customs officials recommend strongly that the tariff, if imposed, be made specific, rather than ad valorem, as the collection of ad valorem tariffs brings many complexities. If specific, 3 to 5 per cent tariff on wool would amount to from four-fifths of a cent to one and one-quarter cent a pound, on rubber approximately from two to three cents and on coffee from one-quarter to one-half a cent.

PRESIDENT HAS OPEN MIND ON PEACE SUBJECT WHILE AWAITING ALLIES' ANSWER

Entente Reply to Central Powers Cabled Yesterday by State Department—Senate Discusses Advisability of Approval by Congress of Mr. Wilson's Action—Various Senators Express Divergent Views on Proposed Resolution.

Washington, Jan. 2.—The Entente reply rejecting the peace proposal of the Central Powers was cabled by the State Department today for presentation to Germany and the other belligerent governments whose diplomatic interests the United States represents at Allied capitals. At the same time the cabled English translation was dispatched from here and Ambassador Sharp was instructed to forward the French text direct from Paris.

It was authoritatively stated during the day that President Wilson had not decided what, if any, further move in the interest of peace, he might make, but was keeping an open mind on the subject while waiting for the Entente's answer to his note proposing a discussion of terms by the belligerents. No official comment was forthcoming on press reports from Paris indicating that the reply to the President in effect would be the same as that given the Central Powers.

Resolution of Approval Discussed

Discussion of the advisability of legislative action approving the course of the President in sending his note occupied the Senate for more than an hour and will be resumed tomorrow. Action was delayed by unanimous consent because Republican senators insisted that the question was too important to be disposed hastily and should be considered by the foreign relations committee.

Particular interest attached to statements during the debate by Senator Stone, chairman of the Foreign Relations committe, who had an hour's conference yesterday with President Wilson. In this connection, administration officials took pains to make clear that the President did not seek action by Congress, tnough, of course, he would not like to see a proposal to endorse his policy defeated.

The discussion began when Senator Hitchcock's resolution to approve the note, introduced just before the holiday recess, automatically came before the Senate for consideration.

Democrats Urge Passage.

Democratic leaders, including Senator Stone, urged that the resolution should be passed without delay or prolonged debate, in order that the President's position might be given approval by a co-ordinate branch of the government which has authority in international affairs.

Senator Lodge, ranking Republican member of the Foreign Relations committee; Senator Gallinger, the minority leader; Senator Borah and other Republican senators vigorously insisted that Senator Hitchcock consent to let the matter go to the Foreign Relations committee for careful consideration. They did not oppose the purpose of the resolution, but expressed the view that the proposed action was fraught with such international importance that it should not be acted upon without very careful consideration of all phases of the war situation and not until a Senate committee had an opportunity to study the exchanges of belligerent and neutral governments which have followed the original Teutonic note to the Entente Allies suggesting discussion of peace.

There were strong intimations to-

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PREACHER-GOVERNOR OF FLORIDA INAUGURATED

In His Address He Pledges Himself to State-Wide Prohibition.

Would Place All Schools on Equal Footing, With Teachers in Parochial Schools Subject to Public School Examination.

Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 2.—The Rev. Sidney J. Catts, a Baptist preacher who came to Florida four years after being defeated for the lower house of Congress in Alabama, was inaugurated governor here today, succeeding Park Trammell, newly elected United States senator. The inauguration was preceded by a parade.

In his inaugural address the new governor advocated carrying out the state's project to drain the Everglade swamps, pledges himself to state-wide prohibition and placing of all schools on an equal footing, with teachers in parochial schools subject to the same examination required of public school teachers, and urged passage of a law providing for police inspection of parochial schools, convents and nunneries.

Governor Catts, who was elected on an independent-prohibition ticket after a re-count of the primary vote depriving him of the Democratic nomination, has announced that he is a "regular Democrat" and that all appointive offices will go to those who received the nomination in the Democratic primary.

On the ground that he opposes dancing, the governor declined an invitation to attend the inaugural ball tonight.

HUNT REFUSES TO GIVE UP GOVERNOR'S CHAIR IN ARIZONA

Phoenix, Ariz., Jan. 2.—Both sides in the governor's contest are awaiting the decision of the supreme court Thursday on the application of counsel for Governor-elect Thomas E. Campbell for a writ of mandamus to compel Governor G. W. P. Hunt to turn over his office and papers. Campbell, accompanied by his counsel, called upon Hunt this morning and made a formal demand for possession of the office. Hunt formally refused to surrender it. Campbell is performing such official duties as are brought to his attention. His residence is his executive office. All mail addressed to the office of the governor, unless addressed to Governor Hunt in person, is sent to Governor Campbell by the postal authorities.

The county authorities in their dealings with the governor's office are recognizing Campbell.

Various appointive officials whose resignations had been requested by Governor Hunt informed Governor Campbell that their resignations will be forwarded only on his request.

The inspection of the ballots in the contest was resumed today and the Hunt inspectors claim to have discovered eleven clerical errors in the ballots gone over. Campbell inspectors deny that the day's work has resulted in any material change.

Tonight Hunt issued a statement saying that he is holding office, notwithstanding Campbell's certificate of election, because the ballot inspection so far shows him to be in the lead.

London, Jan. 2.—The British steamer Nestorian has run aground and, according to Lloyds', is a total wreck. All of the crew were saved.

GOVERNMENT MONOPOLY OF WIRELESS IS URGED

Recommended by Daniels as Measure of National Safety.

Writes Letter Outlining Navy Department's Views Regarding the Radio Control Bill Now Pending in Congress.

Washington, Jan. 2.—An absolute government monopoly of radio communication as a measure of national safety was recommended today by Secretary Daniels in a letter to the committee on Commerce and Labor of the Senate and Houes, outlining the Navy Department's views on the pending radio control bill, drafted by an interdepartmental conference.

"The bill covers the purchase of coastal stations only; that is only those used to communicate with ships, and by permitting the Navy Department to open all of its stations to commercial business, would discourage the extension of any existing commercial systems or the organization of new systems," the Secretary wrote.

"The department strongly recommends that the committee provide for the purchase of all stations used for commercial purposes. The value of existing stations is constantly increasing, and decisive actions at this time will result in a saving of public funds."

The letter urges that existing coastal and commercial stations in the United States, Alaska, Hawaii, Porto Rico and the Swan Islands be purchased within two years and that no license for private operators hereafter be granted beyond that period.

"Commercial radio stations under other than government control," the letter points out, "can give out information of incalculable value during that twilight period which would probably precede the opening of any war to which this country might be a party. Authority to take over and operate, or to close commercial stations in time of war, will not suffice. The stations must be in full government operation, before the first hint of possible hostilities."

ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF "DRY" LAWS BY BALTIMORE DEALERS.

Said to be Sending Men With Liquor Into Virginia and West Virginia.

Baltimore, Jan. 2.—Alleged violations of the "dry" laws of Virginia and West Virginia by Baltimore liquor dealers are being investigated by the local and Federal authorities, it was learned today. According to the police a gang of men on certain evenings of each week carrying suit cases, leave for points in Virginia and West Virginia. These suit cases, it is declared, contain whiskey in bottles.

It has also been learned that jitney buses are being used to transport whiskey into the two states.

El Paso, Texas, Jan. 2.—Reports were received here tonight of fighting betwen outposts of Villa forces and a detachment from the Juarez garrison at Los Medanos, 35 miles south of Juarez. The skirmish is said to have been for possession of a coal train. Carranza officials in Juarez deny reports of fighting.

REFLECTS GERMAN IMPRESSION AS TO REPLY OF ALLIES

Dr. Hammann Says Entente's Deliberations Did Not Take Place Around the Peace Table.

BUT ON A JUDGE'S CHAIR

Discusses Belgian "Martyrdom" and the Report of Minister Greindl in Berlin in 1911.

Berlin, Jan. 2, (via Sayville).—The German impression of the Entente's reply to the peace proposals of the Central Powers was reflected today in a statement made to the semi-official Overseas News Agency by Dr. Hammann, until recently director of the intelligence department of the foreign office. This comment was not based on the official text of the Entente's note, as thus far only the version supplied by the Havas News Agency from Paris has been received here.

Dr. Hammann said that consideration by Germany and her allies of a peace offer dated back as far as October. At that time the intention was entertained of making an honest and sincere attempt to prevent further useless bloodshed. Being asked as to the general impression created by the Entente reply, he said:

"If I am to express an opinion in a few words, it is this:

"Instead of taking place around a peace table, the Entente's deliberations took place on a judge's chair. Apparently the Entente forgot nothing that could possibly influence neutrals against us.

"The point of the accusation, however, to which the largest space is allotted in the Entente note is 'the martyrdom of Belgium.' But if one desires to pass judgment on 'the martyrdom of Belgium' one must speak before hand regarding 'neutral and loyal Belgium' and this Belgium had ceased to exist long before the war. I do not want to speak about the documents which we found in Brussels and which have been published. They can be read by everybody. I only wish to single out one point which up to now has not been sufficiently considered—the report made by Baron Greindl, Belgian minister at Berlin, dated December 23, 1911.

Wanted to Encircle Germany.

"This clear sighted statesman then explained forcibly that already at that time the Entente was inspired by nothing but the one thought of encircling Germany from the north. As proof of this, Baron Greindl quoted the outcry started in Paris and London a short time before, when the Dutch plan to fortify Flushing had become known. Baron Greindle then said:

"'The reason why they wished that the Scheldt remain without defense was not concealed. In this they admitted their purpose to be able to transport an English garrison to Antwerp without hindrance, thus creating in Belgium a basis for operations in the direction of the lower Rhine and West Phalia.'

"Baron Greindl reported that the plan was then changed in such a manner that the English auxiliary army was not to be landed on the Belgian coast but in the adjoining French ports. This same plan of an English landing in order to threaten Germany was equally hinted at as imminent by Lord Roberts during the last Moroccan crisis. In such circumstances it most certainly would have been an easy thing for Belgium, after the German question in 1914 (whether Belgium would permit the passage of German troops), to take her armies back to Antwerp and then let the Germans, under protest, march through the country."

Principle of Nationality.

Questioned as to the importance of the principle of nationality in the present situation, Dr. Hammann said:

"No nation is better able to understand this principle than the German, for no great civilized nation has suffered so much, has been forced to struggle so greatly, because of being suppressed and dismembered by neighboring races. Equally, no single great nation has less to fear from the application of this principle of nationalities than the German.

"Germany would absolutely consent if this principle of nationalities were carried out in Egypt, India, Morocco, Ireland, by the country in power, not to speak of Russia's nationalities.

"Germany has been brutally treated for centuries by her neighbors despite this principle of nationalities. Yet in 1866, exact 50 years ago, that is, in the Nikolsburg peace (closing the war between Prussia and Austria) a clause was inserted upon the demand of Napoleon III, which left open for the southern German states the concern of a separate confederation. The leading, but unavowed idea, was then to found a new Rhine bund."

As to Small Nations.

As to the free existence of small nations, Dr. Hammann said:

"This idea, too, has found a very strange illustration during the war. Only a few weeks have elapsed since a leading English minister termed the misfortune of the Rumanians plainly a 'gross blunder.' By this 'blunder' a whole nation has been pushed into misery. Rumania has been dragged to a great war by all sorts of dark machinations.

"And then look at Greece. There the Entente has occupied the ports, railroads, cable and postal stations and whole districts of the country, all against the law of nations. There the

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RUSSO-RUMANIANS STILL FALL BACK

Additional Ground is Taken by Teutons Along Moldavian and Dobrudja Fronts.

MORE PRISONERS CAPTURED

Von Mackensen Nearing Bridgeheads of Fokshany and Fundeni—Patrol Parties Are Active on the French Front.

Again the Russian and Rumanian forces along the Moldavian and Dobrudja fronts have been compelled to give ground before the advance of the Teutonic allies. At several points on the Moldavian front, however, Petrograd reports the dispersal of bands of invaders under counter attacks.

The drive of the Austrians and Germans eastward from the Transylvanian Alps into Moldavia has given them additional points of vantage, while Field Marshal Von Mackensen's army operating northward into Moldavia, is approaching the bridgeheads of Fokshany and Fundeni. Between the Buzeu river and the Danube, however, the Russians and Rumanians continue to hold their positions. In Dobrudja the Russians have been thrown back on the town of Matchin, opposite Braila. In the fighting on all these fronts, according to Berlin, more prisoners and much war material have fallen into the hands of the Teutonic allies.

Aside from the Rumanian theatre, comparative quiet continues on all the fronts, although there have been somewhat spirited engagements on the French line and in Galicia. Along the entire front of the Austro-Italian theatre there have been vigorous artillery duels. The situation in Macedonia remains unchanged.

The operations on the front in France continue to be carried out mainly by patrol parties and by the artillery wings of the belligerent armies. Near Vermelles and north of Ypres German patrol parties succeeded in reaching the British trenches, but later were driven out with heavy casualties, according to the London war office. On the entire Belgian front, the artillery duels were violent, while in the Verdun sector the Austro-Germans launched attacks against the Russians, but were repulsed. The Russians attempted enterprises to the south of Riga and near Dvinsk and Stanislau, but did not succeed in making gainss.

IMPORTANT MEETING TO BE HELD IN BERLIN JANUARY 28.

London, Jan. 2.—In a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Copenhagen, the correspondent says: "The Vienna Reichspost says it learns that an important meeting of the presidents of the German, Austro-Hungarian, Bulgarian and Turkish parliaments will be held in Berlin, January 28th."

DUPONT COMPANY PURCHASES HUGE ELECTRICAL GENERATOR

Will be Used in Nitrogen Plant Being Built at Hopewell, Va.

Hopewell, Va., Jan. 2.—It is announced that the Dupont Company has awarded to the Westinghouse Electric Company a contract for a mammoth electrical generator for their new nitrogen plant under construction at City Point. It is turbine engine and generator combined and will develop 25,000 horse power. In comparison with other machine of its kind in the state it is claimed to be the largest, the magnitude of its bulk being shown in the statement that nine cars will be required for its transportation.

It is stated that the 15,000 kilowatt generator will be used to develop power for an experimental nitrogen plant. Plans for process of extracting nitrogen from the atmosphere have been purchased, it is said, from a Danish inventor and the big machine is to be installed in the immediate future. The company is now operating enormous nitrating plants of a different character at its Hopewell, Va., plant.

EASTERN CAROLINA SHIPPERS WIN OUT

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tory; that defendants unlawfully refuse to join the steamship company in through routes and joint rates via the ports of Wilmington and New Bern, N. C., that defendants refuse to publish proportional rates from and to points in North Carolina on traffic brought by complainant steamship company to the ports of Wilmington and New Bern or taken therefrom by the steamship company when brought thereto by the defendants; that the facilities at Wilmington furnished to the steamship company by the defendants are inferior to that furnished by them to the Clyde Steamship Company, and, that defendants have interrupted the through movement of freight on through bills of lading.

This complaint was filed by the Goldsboro chamber of commerce in an effort to remove alleged discriminations in favor of Virginia cities over North Carolina cities regarding freight rates and also to enable the business men of the State to utilize their home ports.

Congress has recognized the import ance of both Wilmington and New Bern as ports and has caused to be spent in their development several millions of dollars, but owing to the refusal of the railroads to co-operate with steamship lines in establishing through routes, through rates and through bills of lading, independent steamship companies have been unable to serve these ports and interior points, it was alleged.

This case was tried under what is known as the Panama Canal amendment to the Commerce act, which is generally regarded as the strongest piece of legislation ever enacted by Congress to foster water transportation, and the shippers of not only North Carolina but the Union are indebted to Senator F. M. Simmons, of this State, for its enactment, it is pointed out.

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BALANCE TO CREDIT OF STATE $265,447 IN 1918

Estimate Made by Lacy for End of Next Biennial Period.

T. H. Calvert to Assist in Work of Office of Legislative Librarian—Two New Wilmington Corporations. Furniture Factories.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 2.—State Treasurer B. R. Lacy, after a careful estimate based on the record of receipts and disbursements of the State for 1915-16, estimates that, with legislative appropriations of no greater proportion by the incoming Legislature, there will be a balance to the credit of the State at the end of the next biennial period in 1918 of $265,447. This is based on estimated receipts aggregating $7,623,024 and disbursements estimated at $7,362,576.

In estimating the expenses for the next two years there is included $75,000 for the Legislature about to convene and $200,000 for the State's postage, paper and general stationery bills. Three of the biggest items in the estimated receipts are $1,362,000 ad valorem tax from corporations; $3,789,000 ad valorem from counties, polls for pensions and income taxes; and $1,762,000 from licenses and privileges. The items of railroad dividends represents $496,024 of revenue and the oil fund of the Agricultural Department $120,000.

Some of the biggest items of State expense are Confederate pensions, $1,000,000; State departments $700,000; support of hospitals and home $1,000,000; schools $3,110,000; interest on bonded debt $800,000; National Guard $125,000.

To Assist Legislators.

In getting ready for rendering the best possible service to the members of the Legislature and others interested in legislation, Legislative Librarian W. S. Wilson has secured the services of T. H. Calvert, the retiring assistant attorney general, for the two months that the law-makers will be here. Mr. Calvert, who is to be succeeded in the assistant attorney general's place by Judge R. H. Sykes, of Durham, expects to open a law office here after the Legislature adjourns. The work in connection with the legislative library will be the drawing of bills, the giving of expert advice concerning proposed legislation, etc.

Rev. A. V. Joyner, now of Waynesville, has been called to resume the pastorate of Pullen Memorial Baptist church here, to succeed Rev. Lyman K. Dilts, resigned.

Furniture Manufacturing

The annual summary of the status o the furniture manufacturing industry in this State was issued today by Commissioner of Labor and Printing M. L. Shipman, who denominates the furniture manufactories one of the biggest assets of the State, especially in the Piedmont and the Western sections. There are 96 factories that have $3,303,343 capital stock and an estimated value of plants aggregating $3,690,995. They are operated by 10,934 horsepower and employ 7,533 workmen, of whom 28 are women and 264 are children. Wages have a high average of $2.87 and low average of 90 cents per day of ten hours. The pay rolls aggregate $2,523,156 and the value of the yearly output is $12,420,000. Only eight of the factories use electric power, the others running on steam or steam and water combined.

Two Wilmington Corporations.

Seven new corporations received charters today as follows:

The Roger Moore's Sons Co., of Wilmington, capital $125,000 authorized and $300 subscribed by Roger Moore, Louis T. Moore and F. R. King for brick making and building material business.

The Atlantic Veneer and Packing Co., of Wilmington, capital $200,000 authorized and $10,000 subscribed by J. C. Mallonee, K. O. Burgwin and Herbert McClammy.

The Allenstand Cottage Industries, Asheville, capital $25,000 authorized and $1,750 subscribed by Frances L. Goodrich, Julia W. Gardner, R. P. Hayes and others for textile, bed spreads, rugs and portiers.

The Marsh-Jones Hardware Co., of Wadesboro, capital $25,000 authorized and $6,000 subscribed by T. F. Jones and others.

The Morgan Lumber Co., of Cherryville, capital $25,000 authorized and $12,000 subscribed by J. S. Rudisill and others for lumber and mercantile business.

The Weaverville Garage and Transfer Co., of Weaverville, Buncombe county, capital $5,000 authorized and $800 subscribed by Matt Burlison and others.

The Wendell Trading Co., of Wendell, Wake County, capital $50,000 authorized and $10,000 subscribed by O. L. Rowland and others for general mercantile business.

MURPHY CHOSEN TO PRESIDE IN HOUSE

(Continued from Page One.)

ing, of Pitt, president pro tem; R. O. Self, principal clerk; David Gaster, Cumberland, sergeant at arms; J. W. Alexander, Clay, assistant sergeant at arms; C. C. Broughton, reading clerk; T. W. Hughes, Beaufort, engrossing clerk.

Senator McNider, of Hertford, was made permanent chairman of the Senate caucus, and Elmer Long, of Alamance, secretary.

R. E. Little, of Anson, warned the senators against permitting a flood of local bills to be dumped on the legislature in anticipation of the constitutional amendments.

McCrary Minority Leader.

The Legislative Republican caucus agreed on J. N. McCrary, of Davidson, as minority leader in the House. He will be given complimentary nomination for speaker.

PRISONERS CAPTURED BY ALLIES DURING PAST YEAR

On the French Front in France, Jan. 2.—During the course of last year, according to authoritative figures 78,500 Germans were captured on the French front by the French and 40,000 by the British, while in Serbia and Macedonia the Entente allied armies took 11,178 Bulgarians and Turks prisoner. During the same period the Italians made prisoner of 52,250 Austrians, while the Russians captured more than 40,000 Germans and Austrians.

SPORTS

Pleas Presented By Minor Leagues

COMMISSION PROMISES CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO REQUEST OF AA LEAGUES TO ELIMINATE DRAFT.

Cincinnati, Jan. 2.—After hearing the request of the representatives of the classAA leagues relatives to the elimination of the draft from their leagues, the National Baseball Commission announced here tonight that it would give careful consideration to their request and then adjourned.

The commission also heard a plea from the smaller leagues that at least its moral influence be exerted to help the minor leagues out of what was pictured to be a most deplorable condition. A. R. Tearney, president of the "Three I League," acting as spokesman for the minor leagues, urged a re-classification and re-organization of all minor leagues with a view of eliminating excess railroad mileage of teams, rearrangement of the maximum salary limit and other ideas that he claimed would go far towards putting a large majority of the minor league clubs on a paying basis.

August Herrmann was reelected president and John E. Bruce, secretary.

CARRIGAN TO THINK OVER QUESTION OF MANAGERSHIP.

He at First Declined to Continue as Leader of the Red Sox.

Lewiston, Me., Jan. 2.—William F. Carrigan, manager of the world champion Boston American League baseball club last year, declined today to continue in that position next season, but in response to suggestions from Harry H. Frazee, one of the new owners of the club, he later said he would think over the matter until Thursday. His desire to attend to his banking interests here was given as the reason of his determination to withdraw from baseball.

Boston, Jan. 2.—Little hope is entertained by the new owners of the Boston American League baseball club that William F. Carrigan will consent to manage the team another year, according to a statement tonight by John J. Lane, secretary of the club. Mr. Lane added that the salary offered to Carrigan was the largest ever offered to a manager of a ball club but that the amount was not to be made public.

REPLIES TO PRESIDENT OF THE U. S. GOLF ASSOCIATION

Boston, Mass., Jan. 2.—The executive committee of the United States Golf Association has not yet given the officials of the Woodland Golf Club a written statement of the charges under which three of its members have been disqualified, according to a statement tonight by Irving French, secretary of the club.

Mr. French's statement was issued in answer to one made public last night by Frank L. Woodward, president of the United States Association, in which Massachusetts golfers and others were charged with trying to prejudice the minds of delegates to the forthcoming meeting of the association at which the cases of Francis Ouimet, John H. Sullivan, Jr., and Paul Tewksbury are expected to come up for consideration. These three men, members of the Woodland Club have been disqualified on the ground that their connection with the sporting goods business interfered with their amateur standing.

ARMSTRONG WINS IN FINAL ROUND OF PINEHURST GOLF.

Pinehurst, N. C., Jan. 2.—Dwight L. Armstrong, of Pittsburg, defeated Philip Carter, of New York, 3 up and 1 to play in the final round of the mid-winter golf tournament here today. Armstrong's card of 73 was the best turned in here this season and Carter was down all the way.

In the semi-finals Carter defeated Fillmore K. Robeson, Rochester, 2 and 1, and Armstrong beat Frederick Snare, of Havana, one up.

REV. J. B. WILLIS DECLINES.

Will Not Leave Sanford to Accept New Bern Pastorate.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

New Bern, N. C., Jan. 2.—The Tabernacle Baptist church, of this city, was expected to extend a call to Rev. J. B. Willis, of Sanford, N. C., at the service Sunday morning, he having intimated that he would like to come to New Bern, but just before such action was taken, a telegram was received from him stating that he would be unable to accept.

The Tabernacle has been without a pastor since Rev. R. W. Thiot resigned a few months ago to take up evangelistic work and the pulpit has been supplied during this time by pastors from other towns and Biblical students.

HOW TO RAISE EXTRA REVENUE NOT DECIDED

Simmons Hopes There Will be No Extra Session of Congress.

Webb Believes He Will Get a Vote on National Prohibition Before March and That Measure Will Carry.

(Special Star Telegram).

Washington, D. C., Jan. 2.—There was little information forthcoming today when Congress met as to what methods will be adopted for raising the additional revenue which the government must pay for the "capture" of Villa, those handsome battleships which Secretary of the Navy Daniels got Congress to build and that thousands of additional soldiers voted for by Congress last summer.

Senator Simmons received a report from Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, showing the approximate amount of money needed and suggesting certain ways of raising some of the amount. Senator Simmons, however, had not had time to read the communication and therefore did not care to express an opinion. Majority Leader Claude Kitchin reached Washington late last night, but returned to Scotland Neck on an early morning train to be with his father-in-law, Prof. Mills, who is seriously ill at Scotland Neck.

Until Mr. Kitchin returns and has an opportunity to confer with the President, Secretary McAdoo and Senator Simmons, there is little prospect of any definite plans being formed or given out to the public.

Senator Simmons said today that he hopes there will be no extra session of Congress. He believes the necessary work can be finished if Congress will get down to real work and hold early and late sessions.

Webb is Optimistic.

Congressman E. Y. Webb, chairman of the House Judiciary committee and father of the Nation-wide prohibition bill, believes he will be able to get a vote on his measure before March 4. He also has hopes that the bill will be passed by the House. The last effort to eliminate rum from the United States resulted in the House casting a majority vote for the bill. A two-thirds vote is necessary, however, because the measure calls for a change in the constitution. Mr. Webb believes the vote this time will be much larger than it was before and he has strong hopes of the required number of votes being obtained.

It was announced at the Treasury Department today that offices will be opened at Columbia, S. C., January 8 to take subscriptions for the Farm Loan Bank to be established in the North Carolina district. This means that the law will be in operation within a short time and the farmers of the State will be able to get loans on their farm lands at a reasonable rate of interest.

James R. Collie, chief clerk to the Claims committee and the man who will direct the affairs of the State Penitentiary for the next four years, returned to Washington today. Mr. Collie will go to Raleigh to see his fellow townsman, Thomas W. Bickett, inaugurated as governor of the State. Governor Bickett will be in Washington early next week to argue the State's case in the Cuban bond suit.

The President sent to the Senate the nomination of J. N. Fuqual to be postmaster at Lillington. P. R. A.

San Antonio, Texas, Jan. 2.—The 23rd New York Infantry and the first Virginia infantry were scheduled to start home from the border today, according to announcement at department headquarters.

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Rub old, honest "St. Jacob's Oil" whenever you have sciatica, neuralgia, rheumatism or sprains, as it is absolutely harmless and doesn't burn the skin.

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If you are bilious; feel lazy, sluggish and all knocked out, if your bowels are constipated and your head aches or stomach is sour, just take a spoonful of harmless Dodson's Liver Tone instead of using sickening, salivating calomel. Dodson's Liver Tone is real liver medicine. You'll know it next morning because you will wake up feeling fine, your liver will be working, your headache and dizziness gone, your stomach will be sweet and bowels regular. You will feel like working. You'll be cheerful, full of energy, vigor and ambition.

Your druggist or dealer sells you a 50 cent bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone under my personal guarantee that it will clean your sluggish liver better than nasty calomel; it won't make you sick and you can eat anything you want without being salivated. Your druggist guarantees that each spoonful will start your liver, clean your bowels and straighten you up by morning or you get your money back. Children gladly take Dodson's Liver Tone because it is pleasant tasting and doesn't gripe or cramp or make them sick.

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Mrs. Leo Weigand, 3251 Central Ave., N. S., Pittsburg, Pa., whose two boys, Frank and Joseph, are shown in the illustration, writes that she has found Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin a most effective laxative, not only for the children but also for herself and that she will always keep it in the house to use when needed. Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is a combination of simple laxative herbs with pepsin that acts easily and naturally, without griping or other pain or discomfort. It is pleasant to the taste so that children like it, and is equally effective on the strongest constitution.

Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin can be obtained at any drug store for fifty cents, and should have a place in every home. It will save many times its cost in lessened doctor bills and maintain the health of the entire family. To avoid imitations and ineffective substitutes be sure to get Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. See that a facsimile of Dr. Caldwell's signature and his portrait appear on the yellow carton in which the bottle is packed. A trial bottle, free of charge, can be obtained by writing to Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 455 Washington St., Monticello, Illinois.

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"I have never had one case of Dandruff that I could not eradicate with Pompeian HAIR Massage." Lillian Hargreaves, Hairdresser, Highgate Hill, London, England.

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We are preparing circulars, and will be glad to furnish you a supply for distribution among your customers.

Ask our salesmen for other information.

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THEATRICAL

A roaring rattling comedy farce, with the biggest assortment of nifty and novel musical and specialty acts ever seen on a single bill in Wilmington, is a characteristic of the big new bill to be presented by the Gardner and Lawson Hello Southland Revue at the Royal, beginning this afternoon and tonight. "Laughing Gas" is the title and it absolutely asphyxiates the audience with laughter from beginning to end, dosing them with a liberal amount of laughing gas that will last them for hours after they leave the theatre.

The original George B. Gardner will again be seen in the inimitable blackface role which he carried off with all honors Monday and Tuesday. Some of the big musical numbers will be "Dixieland," "Hesitation Blues," (by fascinating Thelma Fraley), a beautiful Spanish dance by Thelma Fraley; Irish Reel by Ada Davis; Highland Fling by May Lawson; "My Own Iona" by Ethel Bruce and a great dancing and singing specialty by Miller and Davis, and another new specialty number by the Boyds.

This show is just about one of the niftiest aggregations ever seen here at popular prices, and spectacular and beautiful new scenery, and some of the

FLORENCE DAVENPORT
In "A Little Girl in a Big City," Academy, Saturday.

prettiest costumes you have ever laid your eyes on, will be an added feature of today's big bill.

"Prince of Graustark"—Grand.

Today the Grand announces the presentation of a feature which should cause that theatre to be packed and jammed from early till late. It is "The Prince of Graustark", George Barr McCutcheon's great sequel to "Graustark" one of the greatest books of the century, which in photoplay form created a sensation.

"The Prince of Graustark" is a photoplay of action, it oves in every single foot, and there is not a dull moment. And when critics pronounced "The Prince of Graustark" greater even than "Graustark" it is saying something. Starring in this marvelous six-reel Essanay super-drama is that popular idol of the screen, Bryant Washburn, playing opposite the beautiful leading lady, Marguerite Clayton, one of the most beautiful of all the screen stars.

"Graustark" struck a popular note that swept the country. And then he wrote this sequel which was a world best seller. It is a play for everybody, young and old. It is a beautiful love romance, with the spice of excellent comedy sprinkled throughout. Its charm and fascination is unequalled. It has the up-to-dateness that brings it home to everybody, and every man, woman and child who ever dreamed of great things, of love and princes and princesses and kingdoms lost and won, will thrill at this marvelous film version is flashed on the screen.

"Lass of the Lumberlands" Today.

Today at the Bijou will be presented the fifth great chapter of that thrilling and sensational super-serial, "A Lass of the Lumberlands," a chapter that absolutely is as full of thrills and punches that will draw you to the very edge of your seat as any photoplay that has been presented in Wilmington within the past 12 months—that has ever been presented, it might be said in all sincerity.

"A Lass of the Lumberlands," starring the fearless film star, Helen Holmes, in the leading role, is undoubtedly sweeping the country in a sensational manner never before achieved by a photoplay serial of any make. The daring film heroine of a thousand dangerous escapades gets stronger and better in every succeeding chapter, and from start to finish today's great two-reel chapter is so full of great events and thrilling incidents that you will be held fascinated for the space of a half hour.

Another big feature today—that old photoplay favorite, Leah Baird—comes to you today, playing opposite William Shay in a great two-reel Rex Universal drama, "Love Or An Empire," a sensationally thrilling drama of love and romance, with some thrilling incidents mixed in to make it interesting.

"A Little Girl in a Big City."

"A Little Girl in a Big City," by Jas. Kyrle MacCurdy will be the attraction at the Academy of Music next Saturday, January 6, matinee and night, and the management announces that during the engagement no children under 16 years of age will be admitted.

It is a story of New York life and recites the experiences of an innocent girl from a small country town who comes to the great metropolis in search of a position. The play was originally produced at the Gotham theatre, New York, where it is said to have met with great success and it portrays vividly and faithfully the many dangers that are ever present to tempt the young and unsophisticated from the straight and narrow path. A complete and very beautiful scenic production is carried and an excellent company of players is promised by the management.

The matinee prices will be 25 cents for balcony seats and 50 cents for lower floor seats. The night prices will be from 50 cents to $1. Tickets will go on sale tomorrow morning at Elvington's Front street store.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY ACQUIRES NEW ORLEANS & NORTHEASTERN

Gives the Road Entrance Into New Orleans Over Its Own Lines.

Atlanta, Jan. 2.—The acquisition of the New Orleans & Northeastern by the Southern Railway Company, reports of which have been current since the recent announcement that J. P. Morgan & Company had purchased the English holdings in the Northeastern, was confirmed here late today in a statement issued by President Fairfax Harrison, of the Southern, and made public by Vice-President H. W. Miller.

President Harrison's statement also announced that in acquiring the direct ownership in the controlling stock of the New Orleans & Northwestern, the Southern has parted with all interest "direct or indict" in the Alabama & Vicksburg Railway and the Vicksburg, Shreveport & Pacific railway, in which the Southern had heretofore held a minority of the stock.

The New Orleans & Northeastern operate from Meridian, Miss., to New Orleans and is 202 miles in length. Its purchase will give the Southern system entrance into New Orleans over its own lines as well as direct connection with the extensive terminals of the New Orleans Terminal Company, of which the Southern is sole owner.

The purchase price was not mentioned in President Harrison's statement but at the time of the Morgan Company purchase, the English holdings acquired were announced as valued at $12,000,000.

RED MEN TO CELEBRATE.

New Bern Lodge to Enjoy Big Event on January 10th.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

New Bern, N. C., Jan. 2.—The New Bern lodge of Red Men will on January 10th celebrate their tenth anniversary and at that time members of that order from all parts of the State are expected to be in attendance and will join in the festivities.

The local camp of Red Men is one of the largest and strongest in the State, as well as one of the oldest. At the celebration soon to be held, several of the higher officials will be on hand and make addresses before the members.

A banquet will be served at the conclusion of the exercises which are being planned for the occasion.

TO INVESTIGATE RATES FOR TRANSPORTATION OF POTATOES

Irregularities in Railroad Practices Alleged by Dealers.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Investigation of rates, charges, rules, regulations and practices of the railroads with respect to the transportation of potatoes from the producing states of Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota, to Southern and Eastern destinations, was ordered today by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The commission acted upon a petition of the Potato Association of America, requesting that a general inquiry be instituted, and upon complaints from other sources.

The time and place for hearings will be designated later.

SECOND MANDAMUS AGAINST DUPLIN COMMISSIONERS.

To be Heard by Judge Connor at Kenansville January 10th.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Warsaw, N. C., Jan. 2.—A second mandamus against the county commissioners of Duplin county, requiring them to build the fence around the county, was served Monday, and is returnable before Judge G. W. Connor at Kenansville on January 10th.

There will be non-suit in the first action because it was not brought before the judge as required by the statute, and the plaintiffs, among whom are A. J. Brinson, C. C. House, Nicanor James and others, will be required to pay the costs of the case.

Marguerite Clayton and Bryant Washburn in "The Prince of Graustark" at the Grand Today.

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DAY IN CONGRESS

SENATE

Met at noon.

Hearings begun by Interstate Commerce Committee on supplementary railroad labor legislation suggested by President Wilson.

Postponed until tomorrow action on Senator Hitchcock's resolution to endorse President Wilson's peace note.

Consider Senator Townsend's bill to create a retirement roll for volunteer officers of the Civil War.

Adjourned at 5:40 P. M. to noon Wednesday.

HOUSE

Met at noon.

Brig. Gen. Crozier, chief of army ordnance, testified before military committee on army appropriation bill.

Postoffice appropriation bill reported.

Considered Hughes vocational educational bill.

Resignation of Manuel Quezon as resident Philippine commissioner was announced.

Adjourned at 6:03 P. M. to noon on Wednesday.

SHERIFF EDWARDS IN NEW YORK

To Bring Back Escaped Convict Wanted for Murder in Cumberland.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Goldsboro, N. C., Jan 2.—Sheriff R. H. Edwards, of this city, has gone to New York with requisition papers for the negro, Fletcher Simmons, an escaped county convict, who subsequently committed an alleged murder in Cumberland county, and has been located in New York City. A message received from Sheriff Edwards states that he has secured the negro and is also searching in the big city for another negro by the name of Hines who assaulted Police Officer Price in this city several weeks ago, later escaping from the county jail, the sheriff having been informed before leaving for New York that the negro Hines had been seen in company with the Simmons negro, and it is thought that they left for New York together. Officer Price, who was severely assaulted by the negro Hines, has not yet sufficiently recovered to enable him to return to post of duty.

AN OLD RECIPE TO DARKEN HAIR

Common Garden Sage and Sulphur Makes Streaked, Faded or Gray Hair Dark and Youthful at Once.

Almost everyone knows that Sage Tea and Sulphur, properly compounded, brings back the natural color and lustre to the hair when faded, streaked or gray. Years ago the only way to get this mixture was to make it at home, which is mussy and troublesome.

Nowadays we simply ask at any drug store for "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound." You will get a large bottle of this old time recipe improved by the addition of other ingredients for about 50 cents. Everybody uses this preparation now, because no one can possibly tell that you darkened your hair, as it does it so naturally and evenly. You dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time; by morning the gray hair disappears, and after another application or two, your hair becomes beautifully dark, thick and glossy and you look years younger. Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound is a delightful toilet requisite. It is not intended for the cure, mitigation or prevention of disease.

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WAYNE COUNTY WOMAN PASSES AWAY AT AGE OF 103 YEARS.

Youngest Daughter 49 Years Old; Another is 86 Years of Age.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Goldsboro, N. C., Jan. 2.—The death of Mrs. Bettie Tillman, aged 103 years, occurred at the country home of her son, Joe Tillman, a few miles east of Goldsboro, last night, due to heart failure.

Mrs. Tillman was probably the oldest white woman residing in Wayne county, if not in the State, having been born on the 13th of July, 1813, and up to the time of her death could both read and write, and was considered remarkably spry for one of her advanced age.

Deceased is survived by five children, the youngest child being 49 years of age, and has a daughter, Mrs. Hepsy Grady, residing in Durham, who is 86 years of age.

Warsaw, N. C., Jan. 2.—The Warsaw schools opened for the spring term Tuesday, with a good enrollment. Several of the teachers who spent the holidays at their homes returned Monday. These are Prof. B. C. Siske, of Troy; Miss Sadie L. Smith, of Rockingham; Miss Lena Hammond, who went to Burlington, and Miss Ruth Moore, of Burgaw.

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TOP O' THE MORNING.

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Live it down!
Come on back and start anew,
With an aim sincere and true,
Your mistake will pass from view,
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—JAMES W. HEATHERLY.

We are on the way.

Politics prospers in spite of New Year's wishes.

Don't knock unless a knock's as good as a boost.

We must be more forward-looking than dilly-dallying.

The hen will soon be doing what the government couldn't.

If we don't know what to do with prosperity, what is it that we hope to do later?

An old bachelor insists that he objects to marriage because somebody put the mar in it.

Who will spring the first constructive proposition in behalf of Wilmington for 1917? Get busy.

When the people have a remedy and won't apply it, what is the use to think about a panacea?

The signs in Wilmington indicate that the Legislature is soon to be in session.

When a woman marries for money she gets it, even if she has to divide with a lawyer.

A Baltimore woman chased her husband with an automobile—and you know the rest.

We thought the world wanted peace, but we didn't know the world. We only judged it by our small portion of it.

The war in Europe threatens the existence of the Republican party. Even the League to Enforce Peace can hold out no hope for the G. O. P.

Most all of North Carolina wants a paper mill in Wilmington because Wilmington is the best place for it. Even Savannah's paper mill is flourishing.

Mr. George W. Perkins is on the finance committee of the Billy Sunday corporation. What will Billy have to say when the stock gamblers get a corner on him?

Here's for continued prosperity for the tillers of the soil. The most substantial development of North Carolina depends upon the increased asset value of every fertile acre in the State.

The Wilmington fertilizer companies are on the job. From now henceforth the railroads will have all they can do to handle the fertilizer movement into North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia.

Says the Greenville News: "Here was a mean woman! A Brooklyn female of the species left a $17,000 estate, cut her husband off with $1 and forbade him to attend her funeral." She was even determined to deny him the least pleasure.

One of the most justifiable debts on posterity is a bond issue for good roads. Permanent highways represent a tangible asset for posterity and it will bless the foresight of a practical ancestry. Building roads now is building for the future.

Among the now "small states," whose integrity the Entente does not and never will include in their benevolent guarantee of national entity, is the ancient Moslem empire which is no longer the Sick Man of Europe but the now decadent bone of contention of Aryan civilization.

NORFOLK'S WAR COMMERCE.

According to the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot, the future is bright for that port. Her commerce for 1916 made up the greatest record in the history of the port, the indications being that exports will reach the $50,000,000 mark and imports will exceed $12,000,000. Norfolk's foreign trade has experienced its banner year, her commerce having increased from 75 to 100 per cent since 1915, which was the previous banner year. The war in Europe had a disastrous effect on Norfolk at the beginning, but during the past two years war exports increased there at a heavy rate.

Norfolk's preparedness for commerce stood her well in hand when the freight congestion on the Northern railroads and at the Northern ports forced commerce to seek a Southern outlet. Norfolk had the steamship service and the facilities for handling commerce, so the contractors supplying the great demand in Europe, on account of the war, diverted the shipment of all kinds of commodities and materials to Norfolk for export. Her soft coal exports alone were valued at $10,892,158; cotton, $4,954,493; steel products and armor plate, $5,088,266; meats, $1,067,470; flour, $955,077; automobiles, $451,253; automobile tires, $147,964; condensed milk, $1,026,159; tobacco, $1,639,930; speltre (zinc) $299.015; logs, lumber and manufactured woods, $496,555; horses and mules, $1,386,150; lard, $1,268,629; steel rails, $1,168,548; railroad ties, $139,576; and hundreds of thousands of dollars represented in cigarettes, coke, anthracite coal, drugs, chemicals and surgical instruments, etc. That certanly represents such a variety as never before entered into the export trade of the Virginia port.

The Virginian-Pilot declares that the 1917 outlook is even brighter commercially, industrially and in a business way. Considerable shipbuilding is in progress and government appropriations in sight amount to $8,000,000 for the Navy Yard, for the Cape Henry fortifications and for the Inland Waterway. The government is making good progress on the Inland Waterway between Norfolk and Beaufort, through the sounds of North Carolina. The channels are being deepened and widened, so that already a channel 12 feet deep and 180 feet wide will soon be available for large vessels as far as the Albemarle and Chesapeake canal. The channel now carries large vessels as far as Tull's Bay, on the North Carolina line. Part of the present appropriation of $4,147,262.87 will be spent on the waterway south of Beaufort, coming on towards Wilmington. Referring to the local industries and prospects generally, the Virginian-Pilot says:

"The chamber of commerce has completed the most successful year in its history. Through its industrial committee, many new concerns have been brought to Norfolk or are now negotiating with a view to coming here in the very near future. Other committees have been no less active along their particular lines. There has been not a single development or extension here in 1916 in which the chamber has not played its allotted part.

"So far as the industrial life of the city is concerned, disregarding the navy and the part it plays in developing Norfolk, the most important step made last year can be epitomized as the extension of the belt line and the establishment of public docks. For years and years those have been two things for which the city has been using its every effort—adequate waterfront transportation and municipal docks.

"Both are now assured. After numberless and vain attempts to consummate plans that would bring the belt line to the waterfront and after equally numerous and fruitless attempts to have Norfolk erect public docks, plans for both were carried to success in 1916.

"In addition to the public dock proposition, 1916 has brought a possibility of an even greater waterfront development—vast terminals, constituting an 'industrial bee hive,' which would be modeled on lines that have made the Bush terminals in New York an unqualified success. The municipal docks would supplement, rather than conflict with, the Bush plant. If it can be secured—and those interested in the proposition feel assured that it will be—the Bush terminals will form one of the most important links that has ever been forged in the chain of Norfolk's success.

"Never before has greater effort been devoted to waterfront improvements than in 1916. Practically every large development here in the past year has been on the waterfront and directly related to marine shipping."

All of that is quite the thing to have done, since a port's greatest factor for development is its water potentiality for commerce and industries as well. As we see it, that is the one huge asset that Norfolk has developed on lines that are counting big in her present day and future progress.

THE MONEY DRAIN THAT IMPOVERISHES

The money outgo from Wilmington and from Southern communities and the whole South is the economic menace that we have to avert as soon as possible. If it does not actually impoverish us, it makes our progress slow and limp and it accounts for the fact that we mark time more than we make progress.

We can stop some of this money drain instanter by trading at home and keeping our money at home so it will enter into the sum total of our community's annual achievements. Any considerable outgo of money from Wilmington, with no balance of trade coming into take its place, is bound to have a depressing effect upon the business and enterprise and progress of the city. Let us fancy what the effect would be were the greater proportion of Wilmington's money sent away never to come back.

Why, it would spell ruin, as a matter of course, so, therefore, any proportionate drain upon our resources on account of our manner of buying in distant cities what we can and ought to buy here, hurts our community just to that extent. That extent is much more serious than we suppose, for the whole economic effect is not only local but regional. For instance, Wilmington and her trade territory combined are trading away from home in large volume and the result is disastrous to local and regional development as well. Joshua "made the sun stand still," but lots of us are making our cities and the whole South stand still.

If we could ever once wake up to the ruinous economic effect of producing value and then sending that value elsewhere, we would call a halt on the pernicious methods that seem to have been ineradically rooted in this section as a whole. Perhaps we might realize what the severest drain upon our resources is when it is stated by Washington statisticians that the South as a whole spent last year nearly $1,000,000,000 for feed and foodstuffs bought from other states. That is practically the value of our whole cotton crop, seed and all, so that the wealth we do retain is from our other farm products and our industrial output, both growing by degrees but largely in communities only. At least one-third of our total farm production is sent out of the South for what the South can produce to greater advantage—literally a saving of hundreds of millions of dollars.

Just as the whole South is affected by that big drain, shown in the very slow growth of our per capita rural wealth, so is a city affected by the outgo of its money for merchandise and commodities that should be bought at home. As much progress as Georgia has made in recent years in the matter of crop diversification, the Georgians paid out in eleven months of 1916 the sum of $5,500,000 for common bacon shipped into Georgia from other states. Mind you, that is just one item of her meat bill, since her total beef and pork bill is $15,000,000 a year, without mentioning the other millions that Georgia sends away for flour, corn, hay and food and feedstuffs of every description.

That certainly is a losing proposition for Georgia, and yet at least twelve cotton producing states are in the same boat. The average food and feed drain on the South is something like from $50,000,000 to $80,000,000 per state. That accounts for our negligible land values and the scarcity of local capital. We simply unload our capital on the West and the North, so that when we want to get financed we have to borrow it back from the financial centers.

The Atlanta Constitution in an editorial only a week ago deplored Georgia's meat drain of $15,000,000 for a twelve months and implored Georgians to put a stop to it by raising hogs and cattle cheaper than they can buy beef and pork from other states. We don't know how it is with Georgia now, but her food and feed drainage used to be something like $80,000,000 to $100,000,000 a year! If that vast sum were retained at home, how magical would be the economic effect! Land values would increase and our per capita wealth would not be ten times less on the average than it is in the food and feed producing state of Iowa. The per capita rural wealth of that one Western state, which grows no cotton or tobacco or peanuts, is greater than the per capita rural wealth in ten of our South Atlantic and Gulf states.

As Georgia is drained by a meat outgo of $15,000,000 a year, so is a city proportionately drained by the hundreds of thousands of dollars that its people send away—not for something to eat, but for something to wear and for household goods of every description, even to porch swings, porch rockers and the ordinary things that can be made at almost any cross roads.

Let us wake up and resolve that during 1917 we will keep our money at home by buying at home, and keep our money at home by producing at home the farm products that we purchase by the millions of dollars.

SOUTHERN METHODIST MEMORIAL

The movement in Baltimore to erect a memorial to the late Bishop Alpheus W. Wilson, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will strongly appeal to Southern Methodism and especially to the hosts of Methodists in North Carolina. The memorial will take the form of a magnificent church edifice to be erected in Baltimore, the home of the revered bishop. His daughters have consented to the plan and a campaign was launched in that city on Sunday to carry it out.

The Baltimore Sun states that the campaign to raise funds to perpetuate the eminent bishop's memory was formally begun by Bishop E. E. Hoss, of Oklahoma, who delivered a sermon in Baltimore at the morning service at Calvary church, University Parkway and Charles street. The proposition has been favorably passed upon by the College of Bishops, of which Bishop John C. Kilgo, of North Carolina, is a member. The general boards of the Southern church also have concurred in the plan and will participate in raising the fund. Doubtless the Wilson Memorial church is to be the finest edifice of Southern Methodism and Baltimore is a fitting place for it, since the Monumental City is regarded as the home of Methodism. It was the home of Bishop Asbury and he is buried in that city.

Almost the entire sermon of Bishop Hoss on Sunday was devoted to the announcement of the memorial project and he declared that five of the leading bishops of the denomination have pledged themselves to work for the fund. According to The Sun, Bishop Wilson was one of the founders of the Southern Methodist church, the oldest bishop in point of service and one of the most revered clergymen in the country.

The entire Southern Church will contribute to the fund to honor the name of the dead Bishop. It is proposed to make the edifice the most imposing occupied by the Southern Methodists in the city. Architects have been consulted as to the plans and the site finally chosen will probably be that now occupied by Calvary Chapel, in University Parkway.

Bishop Wilson was greatly beloved in North Carolina and the two conferences in this State will take a leading part in the erection of the memorial.

AN INDUSTRIAL SURVEY FOR WILMINGTON.

The Star has often urged an industrial survey for Wilmington and we see the need of it every day. We are not in close enough touch with the industrial situation and employment conditions in this city. We are earnestly seeking new industries without knowing the requirements that they would make upon us for labor and materials of various kinds. We are inviting new industrial enterprises to our city when, at the same time, we could double up the capacity of old ones if we would patronize them and see that they get all the capital that is required to enlarge the plants and increase their output.

Yesterday we quizzed a successful local manufacturer concerning his enterprise and to our astonishment he declared that he had to turn away orders because he could not get sufficient hands to keep even his modest plant busy enough to keep ahead of the business that is offering. He was asked if he could not double the capacity of his factory, and his ready answer was that the business warranted it but his difficulty was in getting operatives. He could give employment to at least 200 girls if he could get them. Wilmington's live wires ought to see that he can get them, even if it has to make the city grow by co-operating with him in getting more people to move to Wilmington for employment.

Of course, there is here a class of labor that is unemployed. An industrial survey would enable us to cast about for the diversified industrial developments that would employ every man and woman and girl and boy, white and colored, in Wilmington. Why don't we get real live and get in touch with this great opportunity to make Wilmington? We can promote Wilmington's manufacturing importance, add to her wealth and increase her population if only we will get down to business and do some systematic promotion.

COMMUTATION OF THE MERRICK SENTENCE.

To the Editor of The Star:

I cannot longer neglect what I feel is my duty to myself and my late brother. As it has passed over and the Governor saw fit to change the sentence of Tom Merrick from death to life imprisonment for murdering my brother, L. B. Hudson, at the Mint Cola Bottling Plant in Wilmington on August 31st, 1915, I feel it my duty to express my appreciation to those who wrote letters and the six or seven hundred who signed petitions and the many thousands who did not approve of that commutation.

I was present at the hearing before the Governor in this case. He went through it hurriedly. I don't understand how he could deem it proper to commute that sentence. He did not find out the facts in the case as the jury had seen and heard them, who had twice found that it was premeditated murder, or he failed to let the public know them. The Governor stated that there was no previous animosity evident between the prisoner and the deceased. There was evidence that the prisoner said a short time before he murdered my brother that the deceased was a mean man. The Governor also said that he (the negro) borrowed the gun to hunt rice birds or coots. As to that, the evidence was that he borrowed the gun to go hunting. I was present at both trials and there was not one word of evidence as to what he was going to hunt. How any one could find out that it was birds without one word of evidence as to what it was is hard to understand. He borrowed the gun about 9:30 on the day he murdered my brother and about 1:30, though it was raining at that time, he went and got the gun and put it in the back end of the bottling plant. The deceased came in about 4 o'clock; the negro was in the front sitting on some crates. My brother asked him what he took his rein for. The negro said "I didn't take your rein, it was mine." The deceased replied that it was no such thing, and for him (the negro) to get out, stay away and let everything there alone. The negro replied that the place did not belong to the deceased and that he (the deceased) had no right to put him out. My brother caught him by the shoulder with his left hand and pulled him from the crates on which he was sitting and shoved him toward the front door. The negro's cap fell off. My brother went to his work and paid no further attention to him. He (the negro) turned and went into the back room and, according to the evidence, stayed three or four minutes, and came back in the front room, picked up his cap and made a threat, and said, "Mr. Hudson, you hit me but I will get you." He then went into the back room again, according to the evidence, stayed about the same length of time as he did at first and came back in the front room with a gun. As he entered my brother was at work, standing with his back toward the negro. As he entered the room he took about two steps to the left to get from behind a piece of machinery that stood between them and said, "Leon Hudson, you know what you are. You're a d—" and repeated a vile epithet, then threw the gun to his face and fired; as my brother turned to face him he received the load just under the right eye. The negro then throwed the gun to the floor and ran.

The Governor said in his statement that Merrick was sitting in the front room of the bottling plant without objection to the owner, that he sometimes worked there. There was not a scintilla of evidence evidence that the negro ever worked there and the Governor had a letter read to him on the day of the hearing in the case before him by Rodolph Duffy, Esq., from Mr. B. A. Merritt, the owner of the plant, that my brother was carrying out his (the owner's) instructions. The Governor said there was no premediation in this case but if there was not, then evidence does not count. Two juries said it was premeditated murder, the Supreme Court has said so. Should Merrick, after he has had two fair trials before intelligent jurors who heard the evidence, together with the charges of the respective judges, took time to consider it carefully and found evidence at each trial to render a verdict of guilty in first degree, have had his sentence changed; if so capital punish should be abolished.

(Signed) LUTHER HUDSON.

CURRENT COMMENT.

The Southern Railway is spending more money in the South than it is taking out, according to a report recently issued, and that has been the condition for some time past. The railroads are being called on to spend a large amount of money, and while the year which is closing has been one of unusual profit for the roads, it will all be needed to meet the increasing demands of the business of the country. More rolling stock, more railroad extentions and more equipment of every kind, are already needed. Besides these increased demands for equipment, the railroads this year are getting even for the lean years of the past. And while the Southern and other roads probably, as well, are spending more money in the South than they are collecting from Southern freight and passenger service, that is a natural condition if the railroads are to keep step with the progress in every line of business in this section of the country. The Southern states are in a period of development where money is demanded to take care of the business. The roads, however, which are spending the money in the South now are laying the foundation for as fine railroad property as will be found in the country. While the policy is a far sighted one, for there seems little doubt that the returns in the future will amply justify the investment, the roads are to be praised for a willingness to forego large dividends in order to build up the lines, for money spent in railroad development is one of the biggest assets a country can have, and one of the surest agencies for development.—Durham Herald.

With reference to the Buncombe county bond matter the Daily News believes that the time has arrived for an immediate reversal of the policy of repression and suppression, of transparent evasion and concealment, that does not conceal. The Asheville papers, striving to oblige, no doubt, have acquiesced, in part, in this policy, and the Daily News has been asked to do likewise. A number of Asheville citizens, whose judgment we respect, agree with us that this is a request that cannot be made with propriety, nor with propriety complied with. It is policy of stealth that has already resulted in the los sof thousands of dollars to the people of Buncombe county, while it has brought pain and embarrassment to many. Moreover, we are persuaded that the people of Buncombe have tired of government behind closed doors. The now famous Buncombe bond issue was for $300,000, and the circumstances surrounding the sale were kept a profound secret. The sale was actually consummated on December 4. Prospective bond buyers had been told that they would be given an opportunity to submit bids, but faith was not kept with these gentlemen. It has been declared, for the county commissioners; that they were concerned over the imminent prospects of peace; but it has been shown that the bond sale antedated the peace reports. Twice during the week following the sale a representative of the Daily News questioned the chairman of the board about the bond issue, and the reply was such as to create the impression that nothing had been done. The same impression was carefully planted in the minds of other newspaper men. It was three weeks after the close of the transaction before the sale was recorded in th minutes of the board—long after every other act of the board had been recorded—and when this was finally done, it was not done right. Accorded in the minutes of the board—long has been earnestly requested to suppress, the sale was made to the Central Bank and Trust Company, agents. In point of fact, this bank was the original purchaser of the bonds. N. C. Malone, a regular bond buyer, was subsequently brought into the transaction, presumably because he had protested against the action of the commissioners in failing to allow some of the firms represented by him to submit bids. Presumably, too, he was allowed to share in the commission, or profits, in the immediate transfer of the bonds to Weil, Roth and company. In an amended and supplemental report the county chairman now says this outside firm paid $103 for the bonds. If this is true there was left a profit of $7,300 for the Asheville bank, and for Malone, and this, so far as one is permitted to know, without having to pay out a single real

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BOARD HITS BACK WITH COUNTER RESOLUTIONS

County Commissioners Hold Regular Monthly Meeting.

Adopt Resolutions Against Allowing Council to Shift Burden of Upkeep of Bridge and Half Expense of Health Department.

Sweeping resolutions protesting against the local legislation advocated by City Council calculated to shift the burden of the maintenance of bridges across Smith's creek and an additional 25 per cent of the cost of maintaining the city and county Health Department were adopted at the regular monthly meeting of the board of County Commissioners held yesterday afternoon, at which all members of the board were in attendance.

A proposition from the three land companies interested in the development of Carolina Beach and vicinity to pay the county 90 cents a cubic yard to build the road from Carolina Beach to Fort Fisher Sea Beach, was referred to the committee on roads with power to act, after Mr. C. C. Chadbourn, president of the Wilmington Beach corporation, had outlined the offer of the land companies in detail.

"See-Saw Game."

The following resolution, aimed at what Chairman McGirt characterized as a "see-saw game" to shift an undue proportion of the cost of maintaining the Health Department upon the county by the city, was unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, the City Council has by resolution recommended that our representative and senator introduce bills at the approaching session of the State Legislature to the end that the county of New Hanover bear 50 per cent of the cost of the city and county Health Department.

"And, Whereas, the county is now bearing 25 per cent of all such expenses, although the activities and work of said Health Department is largely confined to work within the city limits, and

"Whereas, any increase in the present contributions to the Health Department would necessitate an increase in the rate of taxation,

"Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the commissioners of New Hanover county in regular session, do hereby protest against any such contemplated action, and that the clerk of the board be, and hereby is, authorized to transmit a copy of this resolution to Representative Grant and Senator Cranmer, together with a general statement as to the disposition of taxes now being collected by county, with a view to showing the proportion of county taxes being used in the maintenance of public institutions and charities directly beneficial to the city of Wilmington and its residents."

Protest Change.

The foregoing, and also the proposal of the City Council, to get the Legislature to change the city boundaries so as to put the maintenance of bridges now within the city limits upon the county, were brought to the attention of the board by Chairman McGirt, who declared that he was opposed to these burdens being placed upon the county. In this connection, Smith's creek bridge was especially mentioned, and it was stated that Council was seeking to have the maintenance of this bridge shifted to the county by changing the city limits in the Legislature. When the matter was being discussed, County Attorney J. D. Bellamy pointed out that the county was now paying all the expenses of maintaining the schools, and the city was not paying a cent towards their upkeep. By unanimous vote, the commissioners went on record as being opposed to any contraction of the city limits as they now exist.

W. L. I. Appropriation.

Other matters disposed of by the board included the usual annual appropriation of $600 towards the expenses of the Wilmington Light Infantry, which will be payable semi-annually, the receipt and filing of reports of the various heads of county institutions for December, and the approval of the $1,000 bond furnished for Constable J. H. Davis and a $2,000 bond furnished by Coroner Alex. S. Holden.

The $17,000 bond issue bill drafted by County Attorneys Bellamy & Bellamy was approved with the addition of a clause for the providing of a sinking fund to redeem the bonds and make them more salable. This bond issue, as previously stated, if provided for by law, will enable the county to borrow $17,000 for the building of a pumping station and installing a water, sewer and light system at the County Home and Workhouse, as well as pay off certain indebtedness on the work house heretofore incurred.

Monthly Reports.

The reports were received from Superintendent F. J. Dempsey for the County Home, and Superintendent F. M. Rivenbark, for the county work house. Superintendent Rivenbark reported that the number of prisoners on hand December at present was 54, that the number of prisoners has steadily declined throughout the year. The decrease in the number of prisoners is attributed to the prohibition law.

County Road Superintendent Richard Burnett in his report for the past month stated that construction gang No. 2, consisting of 20 men and 10 teams are at work on Kerr avenue, where they have built 460 yards of roadbed, cleared 800 yards of right-of-way; cut 1,100 yards of ditch, and put in 42 feet of 20-inch pipe. Gang No. 3, he reported as being at work on the Middle Sound road, hauling clay to sandy places and sand to soft places. The remainder of his report reads as follows:

"Gang No. 4, is a repair gang in charge of Mr. T. J. Brewer. They have an average of seven men and five teams. They have worked over the Castle Haynes and Scott's Hill roads; also the Shell road with tarvia and chips and the Fort Fisher highway as far as the road has been treated, and have dragged the Gordon and Greenville roads three days and have patch-

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MANY RUMORS MAKING ROUNDS OF THE CITY

Councilmen Do Not Relish Idea of Being Turned Out.

Representative Grant's Declaration That He Intends Giving Wilmington Commission Form Starts Numerous Reports.

Members of City Council will put up a solid front against being turned out of their offices before the expiration of the term for which they have been elected by the people. They do not relish the idea of having a commission form of government inaugurated which might be aimed to get other men in office.

Following the declaration of Representative L. Clayton Grant that he intended to give Wilmington a real commission form of government with a mayor and two commissioners, local politicians immediately began speculating as to whom he would appoint to these offices, as he stated before leaving for Raleigh that the bill he would introduce providing for an amended charter would also carry the names of men to be appointed to these offices in order to make the act effective upon its passage.

If Mr. Grant has determined upon the men whom he would have appointed in the event that it is possible for him to get the bill through, it was impossible to learn yesterday, although in some quarters the impression prevailed that he had. Representative Grant, however, has as yet made no statement for publication as to what men he had in mind.

There were many rumors current on the streets yesterday regarding the men likely to be appointed. It was stated in many quarters that in the event the charter was amended by Mr. Grant that Mayor Moore would be reappointed as mayor. There were three names for prospective commissioners that were frequently mentioned by those taking interest in things political and while the source of these rumors was not clear, the men named in this connection were former Councilman D. N. Chadwick, Maj. Joseph W. Little and Claude C. Cashwell, Esq.

Another rumor was to the effect that the city limits would be extended to take in Sunset Park. There were other rumors still, but these were the most discussed. Others wise in political affairs professed to have other information about "slates" but steadfastly refused to divulge it to newspaper men.

If the bill which Representative Grant declared he expected to introduce is enacted into law, the impression prevails in Wilmington that it would have to pass three successive readings on three separate days in both houses of the General Assembly. As it would have to become a law before January 10th when the constitutional amendments go into effect, this would make it necessary to introduce it today or tomorrow in order for it to become a law as it would take five days to get it through.

Representative Grant has not stated whether he expected to introduce the bill today. Some of those acquainted with the conduct of legislation think, however, that it would not be necessary to have its readings in each house on separate days, especially if the question of finances is omitted. However, it would seem that the salaries of the mayor and the commissioners would have to be named. On the other hand, there is no constitutional provision requiring three readings on separate days and the General Assembly might agree to waive this feature.

While the point was raised as to whether Representative Grant had the right to amend the charter without submitting it to the people, it seems clear that he does. The present city charter was amended by the Legislature of four years ago when the salaries of the councilmen was changed from $1,900 a year to $600 and the number was increased by one member.

WHITE BOYS BOUND OVER.

Will Face Superior Court Charged With Housebreaking.

Bud Muns, Sim Branch and Eddie Smith, the three young white men arrested near Marlboro by County Officer H. Mack Godwin and Policeman A. L. Long, late Saturday afternoon on a charge of entering and robbing the home of Charles Simon, colored, Saturday at noon, were bound over to Superior Court at yesterday's session of the Recorder's court. Bond was fixed at $250 in each case and the three defendants were returned to jail.

Other cases disposed of were: Frank, alias Ed Williams, colored, vagrancy, nol prossed; Roiter Thompson, colored, larceny, six months; Dave Frederick, colored, vagrancy, prayer for judgment continued 12 months; Alice Weatherspoon, alias Alice Williams, colored, vagrancy, fined $10 and costs, 30 days on farm in default; Flora Brown, colored, disorderly conduct, fined $10 and costs, 30 days on farm in default; Losson Skipper, white, disorderly conduct, not guilty; Frank, alias Ed Williams, colored, disorderly conduct, fined $15 and costs, 30 days in default.

WALTERS GALLERY TO OPEN

Newly Acquired Art Treasures Will Be On View Today.

The Baltimore Sun of yesterday has the following of local interest in Wilmington:

"Tomorrow is the day set for the annual public opening of the Walters Art Gallery. On two days each week—Wednesday and Saturday—during January, February, March and April the public will be permitted to view Mr. Walters' collection.

"Visiting hours will be from 11 in the morning until 4 in the afternoon. Admission is 50 cents, all of the money derived from the sale of tickets being devoted to local charitable activities. Many valuable additions have been made to the gallery, it is understood, which will be of interest to those who are familiar with the older acquisitions.

"Under the auspices of the Junior League, Dr. Hans Froelicher, of Goucher College, will deliver a course of private lectures at the gallery on January 4 and 18 and on February 1 and 15. The subjects will be 'Italian Primitives and the Renaissance,' 'Landscapes' and 'Modern Genre Colorists and Impressionists'."

THINK DEMURRAGE TO HAVE LITTLE EFFECT

Railroads Are Busy Preparing for Movement of Fertilizers

Important That Orders Be Placed Early and in Large Quantities to Insure Prompt Shipment, According to Officials.

The new demurrage rule which has gone into affect on all Southern railroads providing for a per diem charge of 75 cents on each foreign car will hit one road about as hard as another in the opinion of local railroad officials and will have little effect upon the accumulation of cars for use in handling the heavy fertilizer movement during the spring. It does have the effect, however, of keeping the cars moving more rapidly as the roads do not find it profitable to keep foreign cars idle.

The short shipping season, which begins about the middle of January, necessitates the use of many hundreds of box cars not only to handle the heavy fertilizer shipments out of Wilmington but from points all over the South. The heaviest fertilizer movement over the Atlantic Coast Line is from Charleston while Wilmington is next. Both the Atlantic Coast Line and the Seaboard Air Line are now making preparations to handle this movement with the least possible delay and while the serious car shortage of the past few months has been relieved somewhat and no serious congestion is anticipated, it is very important both from the standpoint of the shipers and the carriers as well as to the consignees that orders be placed early in the season.

From January 15th to April 1st about 75 per cent. of the fertilizer movement for the year is handled, according to Mr. J. T. King, general superintendent of transportation of the Atlantic Coast Line. The heaviest movement is during the month of March ordinarily while February is next. Naturally this addition to the general business of the railroads through such a short period is a great tax on the roads.

"Usually after the Christmas holidays," said Mr. King yesterday, "there is a slight lull in business and the Atlantic Coast Line has already begun the accumulation of its supply of system cars to hold for the crest of the movement. The roads feel that at this time the car supply is comparatively easy with due respect to general conditions.

"As the fertilizer season is short and a great tax on the carriers because of the large movement, it would be advisable and much to the interest of the farmers to order fertilizer shipped earlier in the season than has been customary heretofore. Great assistance could be rendered by ordering in large quantities and not simply for the carload minimum of 12 or 15 tons."

Mr. King explained that the usual run of cars have a capacity of 60,000 pounds or 30 tons and if orders are placed so that the maximum can be shipped instead of the minimum, it can be readily seen that this would greatly facilitate the movement.

For instance instead of ordering 15 tons early in the week and then about two days later ordering another 15 tons, if the order was made either on the first day for 30 tons, or the first order held until the second, so that both shipments could be made in a single car, a saving of one car could be effected.

It is also suggested that frequently two shippers can have their orders filled by the use of a single car instead of using two as ordinarily. It is believed that with co-operation on the part of all concerned that a car shortage can be averted during the rush season.

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD FOR MRS. CORNELIA L. SOUTHERLAND

Former Wilmingtonian Passed Away at Home of Daughter in Birmingham

Funeral services for Mrs. Cornelia Lamb Southerland, wife of the late Capt. T. J. Southerland, whose death occurred Sunday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Bradley J. Saunders, in Birmingham, Ala., were held at the chapel at Oakdale cemetery immediately after the arrival of the remains on the train from the South at noon yesterday. The services were conducted by Rev. Wm. H. Milton, rector of St. James' Episcopal church, and were attended by a number of friends and a large number of relatives.

Mrs. Southerland was well known in Wilmington, having lived here for many years until the death of her husband, which occurred about 16 years ago. Since that time she had lived with her daughter in Birmingham. She was a native of this section and was 71 years old.

Her life's career was ended as the old year passed out. Death was due to the natural infirmities of old age. She had been gradually growing weaker for some months. She was a noble Christian woman of most lovable character and her many friends here will be grieved to learn of her death. She was a member of St. James' Episcopal church, this city.

All of the surviving children were here for the funeral except one, Mr. C. Bonner Southerland, who lives in Davenport, Iowa, and could not reach Wilmington in time. The other children are: Mr. Thos. R. Southerland, of New York; Mr. George C. Southerland, of Goldsboro; Mrs. Bradley J. Saunders, of Birmingham, Ala.; Mr. Leonidas B. Southerland of Philadelphia; Mr. H. deLeon Southerland, of Jasper, Ala.; Mr. J. Julien Southerland, of Washington, D. C.

CHANGE IN SCHEDULE.

Atlantic Coast Line Announces Changes in Leaving Times.

Effective today, Atlantic Coast Line train No. 64, which runs on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays only, will leave Wilmington at 5:45 A. M. instead of 5:15 A. M., it was announced from the general offices of the company yesterday.

It was also announced that effective January 8th, next Monday, train No. 90, running between Wilmington, Richmond and Norfolk, will depart at 3:30 A. M. instead of at 3:40 A. M., as at present. As was previously announced sleeping car service will be inaugurated between Wilmington and Raleigh this morning. Those leaving on the 3:40 A. M. train will arrive in Raleigh at 8:52 A. M. and returning will leave Raleigh at 7:25 P. M. and arrive at Wilmington at 1:15 A. M.

PHYSICIANS TO MEET IN WILMINGTON TODAY

Interesting Programme Arranged for District Medical Meeting

Semi-Annual Meeting of Third District Convenes at Victoria This Afternoon—Moving Picture Films.

The semi-annual convention of the Third District Medical Society of North Carolina will convene at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the Victoria Theatre. A motion picture film, showing some of the wonderful feats of surgery that are daily being performed on the European battle fronts, will be one of the leading features of this afternoon's sessions.

Seven counties, New Hanover, Columbus, Harnett, Brunswick, Robeson, Bladen and Cumberland, are embraced in the Third district, and its membership includes some 75 of the leading physicians and surgeons in the district. Dr. Thomas M. Green, of Wilmington, is president of the society, and Dr. J. B. Sidbury, also of Wilmington, is secretary and treasurer. Admission this afternoon will be by card only, and these will be limited to physicians.

The members of the society are expecting to derive a great amount of beneficial information from the pictures of the war front operations. In addition to the motion picture films, there will be numerous camera views taken at close range, that give the spectator almost as good an idea of the operation as if he had assisted in it personally. According to Dr. Green, numerous substitutions, of one feature of the victim for another is being practiced in the war hospitals daily, where ribs are substituted for jaws, etc., will be shown.

Programme.

"The Nevew Conceptions of Heart Disease"—Dr. Edward J. Wood, Wilmington.

"Uses of Pituitary Extract in Obstetrics"—Dr. Charles P. Bolles, Wilmington.

Report of Case—Dr. L. D. Bryan, Snead's Ferry, N. C.

"Retroperitoneal Hernia with Reort of Case"—Dr. Jos. W. Hooper, Wilmington.

"Tetanus—Report of Three Cured Cases"—Dr. Andrew H. Harriss, Wilmington.

Motion Picture Film.

Dr. Alexis Carrel demonstrating his latest methods, at the Hospital Royal at Compiegne.

Plastic Surgery of the Face and Jaw, by Dr. Pont at Lyon.

Re-Education Center at Vizille (showing corrective exercises devised especially for the cure of functional nervous conditions contracted in trenches).

Extraction of a Shrapnel Ball from the Region of the Heart, by Prof. O. Laurent at the Grand Palais.

Function conditions contracted from life in the trenches. A common result of the exposure of nerve strain of trench life.

American method of Bone Grafting as performed in European War Hospitals by Dr. Fred H. Albee, of New York.

MR. LEON FUTRELLE BUYS INTEREST IN DRUG BUSINESS.

Will be Associated With Mr. J. F. Jarman, on Princess Street.

Announcement was made yesterday morning of the sale of a one-half interest in the drug business of Mr. J. F. Jarman on Princess street, near the "Electric Center," to Mr. Leon Futrelle, who has for the past two years been connected with the Mission Pharmacy. The style of the new firm will be Jarman & Futrelle.

It is understood that work will be started immediately to remodel the store building. The stock will also be enlarged, and when fully completed will be one of the most up-to-date and completely appointed pharmacies in this section of the State.

Mr. Jarman has been in business at his present stand for the past 11 years and has made a reputation in drug circles. Mr. Futrelle is a native of Wilmington, and a graduate of the State University at Chapel Hill. Since leaving college, about 12 years ago, he has been with the Mission Pharmacy, R. R. Bellamy, and the Payne Drug Co., all of this city.

MANY NEW STUDENTS ARE ENROLLED IN CITY SCHOOLS

Both City and County Schools Re-Opened With Increased Numbers.

Favored by almost perfect weather, the city schools re-opened yesterday with new faces among the pupils at practically every school, according to Superintendent J. J. Blair. The county schools, it is understood, also started out on the new year's work with an increased attendance, although the exact figures are not available.

Superintendent Blair stated that there was a splendid attendance at all the schools, which opened at 9 A. M., and that this was probably due in part to the nice weather which prevailed. He added, however, that it was due to some extent to the number of new pupils who enrolled fo rwork in the schools. Mr. Blair stated that the holidays enjoyed by the students had not demoralized them at all, and that they all got down to work as if school had only "let out" the day before.

TWO MARRIAGES CELEBRATED.

Justice G. W. Bornemann Officiates at Weddings.

Mr. John D. Rowan, of Wilmington, and Miss Mary E. Henderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Henderson, of Maple Hill, were married Sunday night in the office of Justice G. W. Bornemann. The ceremony was performed by the magistrate in his usual impressive style in the presence of several friends. One of the interested witnesses of the marriage was Miss Mildred Baker, of the company presenting the "Prince of Pilsen" in Wilmington on New Year's day. Miss Baker is from London, England.

Mr. Henry T. Hood, of Lake Waccamaw, and Miss Dula B. Stevens, of Wananish, were married by Justice Bornemann in his office yesterday afternoon. They will make their home at Lake Waccamaw.

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J. L. WILLIAMS, Cashier.

COMMITTEES ARE NAMED

Secretary of Cape Fear Chapter, U. D. C., Announces Appointments for the Ensuing Year.

Miss Lena Beery, secretary of the Cape Fear chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, has announced the appointment of the standing committees, which were named by the nominating committee. Each chairman has the privilege of calling on any Daughter for assistance and it is the hope of the chapter that they will respond.

The different committees are as follows:

Membership—Mrs. J. H. Bunting, chairman; and Mesdames John C. James, S. P. Adams, W. M. Atkinson, and Miss Lillie Brown.

Memorial—Mrs. Cuthbert Martin, chairman; Mesdames T. E. Sprunt, William Peck, William B. French, Louis Skinner, Jane deRosset, and Miss Margaret Price.

Ways and Means—Mrs. W. L. Beery, chairman; Mesdames E. K. Bryan, F. L. Huggins, Octave Wiggins, David Struthers, A. M. Hall, B. J. Willingham, and Miss Augusta Wiggins.

Relief—Mrs. Gabriel Holmes, chairman; Mesdames W. B. Cooper, Walter Parsley, Walter Sprunt and Ella Shepherd.

Museum—Mrs. George Huggns, charman; Mesdames J. F. Woolvin, J. H. Baugh, J. W. Perrin and Miss Minnie Brown.

Wreath—Miss Julia Gore, chairman; Misses Lena Beery, Luciana Poisson, Mesdames A. M. Waddell, J. D. Smith.

Lee and Jackson's Birthday—Mrs. W. W. Whitehead, chairman; Mesdames Walker Taylor, J. C. Munds, B. O. Stone, Sol Sternberger, R. E. Tapp, Mangum Turner, M. L. Stover, Ashley St. Amand, H. G. Smallbones, Lena Avant, John Queich, S. W. Sanders, Walter Toot, S. K. DeVaney and Misses Rosa Rush and Lois Toomer.

Davis' Birthday—Mrs. E. K. Bryan, hcairman; Mesdames W. H. Pemberton, John Hall, Justin White, A. M. Waddell, E. L. Prince, James Kenan.

Memorials and Monuments—Mrs. Junius Davis, chairman; Mesdames W. M. Parsley, W. G. Pulliam, Richard Price.

W. L. I. TO ATTEND INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT WOODROW WILSON

Will Decide Later as to Governor's Inaugural This Month.

At their regular weekly meeting last night, the Wilmington Light Infantry voted to attend the inauguration of President Woodrow Wilson in Washington next March. A good majority of the men voted to take part in the inaugural ceremonies.

The matter of attending the inauguration of Governor-elect Thomas W. Bickett is still in abeyance, but will be definitely passed on within the next few days. The State will pay the soldiers' fare to Raleigh, but the men will have to provide their own sustenance while in the city. The attendance of the Guardsmen at this function is entirely voluntary.

The W. L. I. agreed before the late election to attend the presidential inauguration, regardless of who was elected chief magistrate. As Wilson was the successful candidate, they will be still more anxious to take part.

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SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest S. Whitaker have returned from their bridal tour to Florida.

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Miss Annie Efird, of Polkton, spent yesterday in the city, a guest at the Wilmington.

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The Social Committee of the Y. W. C. A. will meet today at noon at the association building.

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Mrs. Seth L. Smith, of Whiteville, spent yesterday in the city. She was a guest at the Orton.

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Miss Annie Lucas, of Lake Waccamaw, was among those registered at the Orton yesterday.

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Mrs. W. R. Smith, who spent the holidays at her old home in Williston, S. C., has returned to the city.

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Miss Gladys Page has returned from Jacksonville, N. C., where she spent a week with relatives and friends.

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Miss Katie Lou Meredith has returned to Washington, D. C., after spending the holidays with relatives here.

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Miss Agnes Council, of Wananish, was in Wilmington yesterday. She was among those stopping at the Orton.

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Mrs. J. F. Roache and children have returned from Richmond, Va., where they spent the holidays with relatives.

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Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Cameron and Miss Mollie Holton left yesterday for New York, Washington and other Northern cities.

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Mrs. N. J. Watkins and little daughter, Virgie, have returned home after a pleasant visit to relatives at Wake Forest and Raleigh.

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Mrs. E. H. Whitaker, who has been spending the holidays at home, returned yesterday to Rocky Point to resume her school.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Stone have returned from a very pleasant visit to relatives during the holidays at McDonald's in Robeson county.

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There will be a meeting of the Hospital Circle of the King's Daughters at No. 121 South Fifth avenue at 11 o'clock Thursday morning.

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The Ladies' Concordia Society will hold its regular monthly meeting this afternoon at 4 o'clock in the club rooms of Harmony Circle.

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Misses Sallie and Rosalie Turner, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Mangum Turner, have returned to their home in Greensboro.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hawes, of Atkinson, stopped over in the city last night en route to Dover. While here they were guests at the Wilmington.

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Mrs. Cuthbert Martin left yesterday afternoon for Hertford, N. C., where she will attend the marriage of Mr. Charles Whedbee to Miss Evelyn Copeland.

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The Gym department of the Y. W. C. A. has resumed work in all classes and Miss Kendrick, the physical director, notifies members of all classes to report as usual.

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Miss Mary Ball, of Albion, N. Y., who succeeds Miss Grace Logan as doestic science teacher in the Wilmington High School, has arrived in the city to assume her duties.

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The Ladies' Aid Society of Wesley Memorial church at Winter Park, will hold its regular monthly meeting this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Edward Ellis.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Parham and children have returned to their home at No. 304 South Second street after spending the New Year's week-end visiting relatives at Lumberton.

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All the ladies of Trinity Methodist church are invited to attend the meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society which will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the church.

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The meeting of the Helen Alexander League which was to have been held Thursday night has been postponed until Thursday of next week and will be held at that time at the Y. W. C. A.

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Miss Grace Bowen, who has been spending the Christmas holidays in the city with her family, will return to Greensboro this week to resume her studies in the Greensboro College for Women.

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The ladies of the First Baptist church are urged to be present with their offerings for China at the prayer service this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. An interesting programme on China with Mrs. J. J. Hurt as leader will be given.

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The Baraca class of Calvary Baptist church were entertained at the pastorium last night. A delicious supper was served at 7:30 o'clock. Plans were made for the Sunday school attendance contest between Calvary and Delgado Baptist churches.

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The many friends of Mr. D. L. Gore will regret to learn that it has been necessary for him to go to the Johns Hopkins hospital in Baltimore for treatment. He was accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. W. B. Cooper, and by Dr. C. P. Bolles.

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The Girls' Friendly Society of the Church of the Good Shephard will present a Christmas mystery play entitled, "The Wonder Star," at the Good Shepherd hall this evening at 8 o'clock. No admission will be charged, but a silver offering will be taken.

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Rev. J. A. Sullivan, pastor of the Calvary Baptist church, entertained the members of the congregation at the pastorium, No. 820 North Fourth street, from 4 to 11 P. M. New Year's day. The house was beautifully and appropriately decorated, and delicious refreshments were served.

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The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of Grace Methodist church will be held this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the church building. A special attendance of members is requested, and all the ladies of the churches are cordially invited to attend. The installation of officers will take place and plans will be formed for the entertainment of the ladies at the annual conference meeting, which will be held here this month. The meeting will be very important.

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First Lieutenant James C. Ruddell has been ordered by the War Department to report to Fort Caswell, or the coast defenses of the Cape Fear, for duty.

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Captain Paul H. Herman, now stationed at FortCaswell, will be relieved of duty and proceed to Washington, D. C., upon the arrival of all coast artillery officers under orders to proceed to Fort Casewell. He will report to the coast defenses of the Potomac for dnty.

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Rev. and Mrs. Robert Emmitt Gribbin were guests of honor at a reception given at the home of Mrs. R. B. Davis, No. 207 Red Cross street, last night. Bishop and Mrs. Thomas C. Darst were with Rev. and Mrs. Gribbin and the members of the vestry in the receiving line. The house was beautifully decorated with bamboos and red poinsettias, and the occasion was largely attended. A number of the clergy of the city, including representatives of all denominations, were present. A delicious refreshment course was served.

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Onslow Progress: "Misses Lottie and Minnie Thorp returned to Wilmington after spending the holidays with parents near town.———Miss Mildred Stokely, of Wilmington, spent several days here the past week, the guest of Mrs. E. M. Koonce.———Mr. and Mrs. John Freeman and Miss Von Glahn, of Wilmington, spent Christmas here, ehe guests of Mr. Freeman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Freeman.———The friends of Master Elliot Petteway, son of Postmaster J. B. Petteway, will be glad to learn that he is doing nicely after undergoing an operation for appendicitis at the James Walker Memorial Hospital in Wilmington.——— Miss Oneda Capps, of Wilmington, is spending some time here, the guest of friends and relatives.———Mr. and Mrs. Tom Edwards spent several days in Wilmington, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Edwards."

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MR. AND MRS. HILL E. KING CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Hill E. King, of Raleigh, former residents of Wilmington, celebrated their golden wedding at their home in Raleigh on New Year"s Day. The beautiful bungalow was attractively decorated with holly and mistletoe, together with many potted flowers. The dinner, at which some 30 children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were present, was served in exactly the same style, as was their wedding dinner 50 years ago. The "groom" presented the "bride" with a lovely ring, while the couple together received 25 gold presents from their relatives and friends. The following sons and daughters of the couple were present: Mrs. Z. R. Thompson, Sloop Point; Mrs. Ada Corbett, Currie; Mr. T. L. King, Norfolk, Va.; Mrs. Gennie Glisson, Wilmington; Mrs. C. P. Pusey, Newport News, Va.; Rev. G. M. King, Chicago, Ill.; Mr. C. H. King, Raleigh; Mr. M. O. King, Raleigh; Mrs. H. J. Perry, Raleigh; Mrs. B. C. Boney, Burgaw, a granddaughter; Mr. Herman Thompson, Wilmington, a grandson, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren, under eight years of age.

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HARMONY CIRCLE HELD ANNUAL NEW YEAR BALL.

The Harmony Circle held its annual New Year ball in the club rooms on South Front street, Monday evening. Dancing began at 9:30, and was indulged in until early yesterday morning. Music for the occasion was furnished by Grainger's orchestra and the event was one of the most enjoyable in the history of the club. Some of the special features were the novelty dances including a married couple dance, ladies' contest, and a flashlight dance. A delightful luncheon was served at midnight.

Those dancing were: Miss Elsa Bluethenthal with Mr. Lewis Stein; Miss Lucile Solky with Mr. Alfred Sternberger; Miss Golda Hucht, of Baltimore, with Mr. Willie Riseman; Miss Lucile Sternberger with Mr. Harriss Newman; Miss Margaret Solomon with Mr. Geo. Sternberger; Miss Lillian Solomon with Clarence Sternberger; Miss Hilda Stern, of New York, with Mr. Harry Solomon; Miss Hattie Mae Cohen, of New Bern, with Dr. S. A. Nathan; Miss Floretta Schloss with Mr. Irving Bear; Miss Mabel Cohan, of New Bern, with Mr. Joe Stone; Miss Helen Schultz with Mr. Bert Schwab; Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Bear; Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Bear; Mr. and Mrs. H. Bluethenthal; Mr. and Mrs. G. Dannenbaum; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Goodman; Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Jacobi; Mr. and Mrs. Morris Lipinsky; Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Nathan; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Solky; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Solomon; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Solomon.

Stags—Messrs. Fred Bear, Dr. J. H. Honnet, Julius Sternberger, M. Newman, David Jacobi.

Chaperones—Mr. and Mrs. L. Bluethenthal, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Jacobi, Mr. and Mrs. M. Rosenman, Dr. and Mrs. S. Mendelsohn, Mr. and Mrs. B. Solomon, Mr. and Mrs. S. Solomon, Mr. and Mrs. L. Stein, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Weil, Miss Rose Tapley, the motion picture star, was the guest of honor.

TO INSTALL NEW REGISTER.

Machine for Collecting Fares on Street Cars to Appear Today.

Effective today, Wilmington trolley conductors will no longer extend a yarwning palm toward the pocket book of all passengers who board their cars. Instead they will simply manipulate a lever and watch the jitneys descend into the cavernous depths of a new fangled coin collector.

The new device will be installed on all city cars today, according to announcements that were made yesterday. This machine registers the fares in the same manner as the conductor has hitherto been doing when he collects from the passengers. This installation will be an innovation in local street car circles.

LIST OF JURORS IS DRAWN

County Commissioners Drew List to Serve at January Term of Superior Court at Meeting.

The list of jurors who will serve at the approaching term of Superior Court for the trial of criminal causes, which will convene here on January 15th and at which Judge W. M. Bond is scheduled to preside, was drawn at the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners held at the court house yesterday afternoon.

At the close of the last session of Superior court members of the local bar requested Judge G. W. Connor, then presiding, to arrange, if possible, an exchange of courts with Judge Bond which would permit him to preside over New Hanover's Superior court at the next term. They based their request on the ground tnat a large number of important receivership and other cases with which Judge Bond was familiar, would probably be disposed of at the next term. Maj. W. N. Harris, clerk of the Superior court, stated yesterday that he had not yet received any word as to whether the exchange of courts had been effected. The next civil term of Superior court, Major Harriss states, will convene here February 15th. The list of jurors drawn yesterday is as follows:

First Week—W. B. Evans, Roy B. Woodbury, F. H. Fechtig, W. C. Scoggins, E. C. Besselieu, Baxter F. Ozment, Sam F. Farrow, C. W. Clark, R. H. Williams, J. E. Shannon, Claude Eure, J. H. Mohr, S. C. Kure, J. M. Hewitt, Jr., Joe Hall, A. G. Thompson, Oscar P. Peck, W. C. Reeves, D. S. Phipps, Percy R. Albright, W. B. Moore, W. F. Hinnant and I. H. Weir.

Second Week—E. I. Herring, J. L. Rackley, J. I. Whitehurst, L. L. Childs, O. I. Swinson, W. N. Maultsby, L. R. Hummel, W. P. Bryant, S. J Weeks, Sam A. Lewis, C. H. Thompson, H. R. Aiken, J. N. Hewlett, F. B. Robinson, M. O. West, Max Washauer, E. C. Davis, J. Ed Bunting, B. C. Green, William H. Batson, F. M. Southerland, B. Page, K. W. Price, Benjamin Hollis.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. H. Lee Cockran is spending the holidays in Florida.

—Mr. W. R. Smith has returned from a business trip to Florida.

—Mr. J. Knox Powers, who spent the week-end in Raleigh, has returned home.

—Mr. H. L. Farley, of Dillon, S. C., was a business visitor in Wilmington yesterday.

—Mr. B. F. Keith, formerly collector of customs at the local port, was in the city yesterday.

—Mr. H. K. King left yesterday for Durham where he will resume his studies at Trinity College.

—Mr. George Neuer, of Greensboro, is spending the holidays in the city with his father, Mr. J. F. Neuer.

—Capt. S. V. Bunting, of Orlando, Fla., who has been spending a few days at his old home in this city, has returned to Florida.

—Cadets William Bunting, Luke French, Teddy Hashagen and George Huggins have returned to Donaldson Military school at Fayetteville, after pending the holidays at home.

—Among the North Carolina arrivals at the Wilmington yesterday were W. H. Cobb, Jr., A. R. Moffitt, Iver Robeson, Fayetteville; C. Scarrott, Charlotte; B. C. Bryan, Raleigh; M. T. Goldstein, Whiteville; S. T. Maynard, Lake Waccamaw; A. R. Wilson, Maysville; V. D. Barker, Lumberton.

—Rev. M. T. Plyler, pastor of Grace Methodist church, left yesterday afternoon for Nashville, Tenn., to attend a conference of the members of the various conference boards of missions of the Southern Methodist church to make arrangements for the work of the coming year. Mr. Plyler is chairman of the Board of Missions of the North Carolina Methodist conference. He will return to Wilmington Saturday.

OFFICERS OF FOUR LOCAL LODGES TO BE INSTALLED.

New Hanover Lodge of Odd Fellows Will Conduct Exercises Friday.

Hanover Lodge, No. 145, will conduct the exercises in connection with the installation of the newly-elected officers of the four local lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at their building, Third and Princess streets, next Friday night at 8 o'clock. The exercises will be open to the public and an attractive musical programme is being arranged for the occasion.

The officers of the Hanover, Cape Fear, Orion and Wilmington lodges will be publicly installed in their several posts of honor. Following the exercises, refreshments will be served.

Raided Crap Game.

Plainclothesman Leon George raided a daylight crap game at Sixth and Campbell streets yesterday at noon. David Woodberry, colored, one of the gamesters, was nabbed in the act, and two others, "Spicer", alias Jim Johnson, and John McCormick, were later arrested by warrant. They will face Recorder Harriss this morning.

BOARD HITS BACK WITH COUNTER RESOLUTIONS

(Continued From Page Five).

ed Princess street road two days, rolled Scott's Hill road three days, dragged Castle Haynes road three days and have worked one day hauling fertilizer for the county far."

Mr. Chadbourn Speaks.

Mr. C. C. Chadbourn, president of the Wilmington Beach Corporation, appearing in behalf of the Kure Land & Development Company and the New Hanover Transit Co., appeared before the board to reiterate the proffer of the three land companies named, that if the county would build the road from where it ends at the Carolina Beach boulevard to Fort Fisher Sea Beach, a distance of about two and one-half miles, the companies are now prepared to enter into a contract with the county at once to reimburse the county by paying it on a basis of 90 cents for each cubic yard of sand and clay spread on the road. The companies, he stated, would also furnish the clay, or rather, the ground from which it could be dug, within hauling distance of the road, that is, about a mile away.

Mr. J. O. Hinton, president of the Kure Land & Development Company, although he left the brunt of the presentation of the land companies' desires to Mr. Chadbourn, also made a few remarks in which he pointed out that the county would get a better road and also get it more quickly than if the companies should be forced to let the contract for the work to a private contractor.

Road Gangs Too Small.

Replying to the speakers, Chairman McGirt, without, as he said, attempting to speak for the board, declared that he thought the commissioners would be glad to co-operate with the companies in any way they could without sacrificing the maintenance and repair of the other roads of the county, but that in view of the fact that the county's entire force on the roads at present numbers only 35 or 40 convicts, whereas about three years ago it numbered 150, it would not be possible for it to spare the force of hands to build the road at the present time. "We have at present," he added, "about 75 miles of roads to repair, including the shaping up of new shoulders and building of ditches, which will take our entire road force about two months or more to finish, and we couldn't realize any profit that would justify us in neglecting other roads, if you were to give us $1.50 per cubic yard for constructing the road."

Would Take 60 Days.

In answer to questions by members of the board, Mr. Chadbourn stated that the companies estimated that it would take the county from 60 to 90 days to finish putting a sand-clay surface on the road in view of the fact that the county has already done the necessary grading. He added that the three companies were prepared to go ahead with the work of building the road at once, but believed the county coud do it more cheaply as it has already built stables and can easily move its cages for prisoners around, while a contractor would have to build quarters for its road hands. Continuing, he said:

"We would like to offer the county a fair price to do the work of spreading the 3,625 cubic feet of clay, that is, $3,610, or at the rate of 90 cents per cubic yard. I believe the county can make a profit on that basis, although the lowest bid submitted to us by private contractors was in excess of what we offer you. We estimate that it would cost the county less than that in view of the fact that the grading has already been done. However, if you don't do it, we are going to do it."

In reply to the above, Commissioner MacMillan pointed out that the county had a great deal of work which needed to be done at once by its road force and that it needed its men for building roads, cleaning ditches and other work, which it is estimated will take three or four months or more to complete.

Upon motion, the offer made the county by the land companies to pay it 90 cents per cubic yard for the laying of the sand-clay bed of the road, was referred to the Road Committee with power to act. This committee consists of Chairman McGirt and Commissioners MacMillan and Hewlett, who held a meeting and discussed the matter after the board adjourned, but took no action. It was stated after the committee meeting that they desired more information.

To Hold Lee County Court.

Raleigh News and Observer: "Judge Stacy, of Wilmington, who was in Raleigh Saturday and yesterday, left yesterday for Sanford to hold Lee county court. Judge Stacy is pleasantly remembered here as a former principal of the Murphey school. On Saturday evening Judge Stacy was the guest of Mr. H. T. Garrard, of McCullers, at a supper at the Yarborough."

—Among the North Carolina arrivals at the Orton yesterday were H. B. Taylor, Wallace; George C. Southerland, Goldsboro; A. W. Campbell, Town Creek; A. F. Doane, Beaufort; H. M. Eglin, Fort Caswell.

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CUPID SPURNS NEW ROLE

Merry Little Blighter Seems to Work Better With Men Than With Girls—Fewer Licenses

That Cupid works better with the young men than he does with the girls is the firm belief of Assistant Register of Deeds August Meyland, who has won the title of local assistant to the merry little blighter, by his habit of never allowing a forlorn couple to knock in vain at the portals leading up to the marriage license desk just because the law does not require him to issue licenses on Sundays or holidays. In fact, he sometimes comes down at night to smooth the way for the prospective brides and grooms to be united in bliss bonds.

There were fewer marriage licenses issued in 1916, although it was Leap Year, than in 1915, and that is why Mr. Meyland contends that Cupid does not work as well for the Juliets as he does for the Romeos. In view of the foregoing, there may be an investigation of the inactivities of Cupid in New Hanover county during the past year. The little fellow has been doing good work most years, but he certainly double-crossed the girls, for five fewer licenses were issued during Leap Year than in the previous year, when the girls didn't have the right to "pop the question."

Only 385 licenses were issued during the year past, as compared with 390 for 1915.

In December, 1916, business picked up considerably, and the number of licenses issued aggregated 50, as compared with the 45 issued during December of the preceding year. So much talk of the high cost of living may be responsible for the falling off in the marriage licenses issued, although some attaches of the register's office opine that it was due to the high cost of loving, whatever that may mean.

—Mr. Charles W. Bannerman left yesterday morning for Rutherfordton to resume his studies at the Westminster School, after spedning the holidays in the city with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Bannerman.

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

COTTON ADVANCES SHARPLY

Early Rise Was Lost But Later Recoveries Carried Prices to Net Gains of 21 to 36 Points.

New York, Jan. 2.—A sharp early advance in the cotton market was lost during the middle of the day, but most of it was recovered, with the close steady at a net gain of 21 to 36 points. March sold off from 17.62 to 17.27 and closed at 17.56, compared with 17.28, the final quotation of Saturday.

The market opened steady at an advance of 5 to 19 points in response to relatively firm cables, and soon turned firm on active buying. October led the advance, selling up to 16.65 during the middle of the morning, or about 48 points net higher, while present crop positions sold 31 to 34 points above Saturday's closing figures. After the close abroad the market weakened under scattering liquidation, local and Wall Street selling, following rumors that Germany was preparing a more vigorous and effective use of submarines. Prices broke sharply, selling about 1 to 7 points net lower before 2 o'clock, but offerings then seemed to taper off and there were sharp rallies in the late trading on covering and fresh buying stimulated by the expectation of relatively firm cables again tomorrow.

	Open	High	Low	Close
January		17.35	17.06	17.29
March	17.45	17.62	17.27	17.56
May	17.69	17.88	17.52	17.82
July	17.68	17.93	17.55	17.86
October	16.25	16.63	16.25	16.53

Spot cotton steady; middling uplands 17.45; sales 25,300 bales.

THE PORT MOVEMENT.

New Orleans — Middling, 17.13; receipts, 820; exports, 8,385; sales, 790; stock, 482,759.

Galveston—Middling, 17.50; receipts, 13,394; exports, 9,789; sales, 300; stock, 366,324.

Mobile—Middling, 16.88; receipts, 151; stock, 20,082.

Savannah—Middling, 18.25; receipts, 4,782; stock, 196,827.

Charleston—Middling, 17¼; receipts, 350; stock, 66,803.

Wilmington—Middling, 17½; receipts, 12; stock, 50,643.

Norfolk—Middling, 17.25; receipts, 3,912; exports, 835; sales, 100; stock, 116,481.

Baltimore—Stock, 8,476.

Boston—Middling, 17.25; stock, 9,100.

Philadelphia—Middling, 17.70; stock, 3,950.

New York — Middling, 17.45; sales, 200; stock, 143,495.

Minor Ports—Receipts, 5,290; exports, 5,290; stock, 48,730.

Total today—Receipts, 28,711; exports, 24,299; stock, 1,512,620.

Total for week—Receipts, 70,106; exports, 63,864.

Total for season—Receipts, 4,955,375; exports, 3,182,592.

Interior Movement.

Houston — Middling, 17.40; receipts, 6,793; shipments, 7,814; sales, 1,676; stock, 265,932.

Memphis—Middling, 18.00; receipts, 4,122; shipments, 3,143; stock, 331,948.

Augusta—Middling, 17.50; receipts, 369; shipments, 1,937; sales, 142; stock, 153,492.

St. Louis—Receipts, 6,532; shipments, 6,441; stock, 31,657.

Cincinnati—Receipts, 17,880; shipments, 19,757; stock, 23,239.

Little Rock — Middling, 17.25; receipts, 481; shipments, 1,846; sales, 1,840; stock, 53,401.

Dallas—Middling, 16.90; sales, 758.

Montgomery—Middling, 17.25; sales, 19.

Total today—Receipts, 36,177; shipments, 39,932; stock, 859,669.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Jan. 2. — Cotton, spot, steady; good middling, 10.39; middling, 10.77; low middling, 10.61. Sales, 5,000; 500 for speculation and export. Receipts, 64,000. Futures, firm.

January, 10.66; January-February, 10.66; February-March, 10.71; March-April, 10.78; April-May, 10.82; May-June, 10.86; June-July, 10.85; July-August, 10.85; August-September, 10.60; September-October, 10.27; October-November, 10.16; November-December, 10.08; December-January, 10.03.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, Jan. 2. — Hogs—Weak. Bulk, 9.30@10.35; light, 9.40@10.15; mixed, 9.70@10.40; heavy, 9.90@10.45; rough, 9.90@10.00; pigs, 7.50@9.15.

Cattle — Steady. Native beef cattle, 7.25@11.80; stockers, 5.25@8.25; cows and heifers, 4.25@10.00; calves, 9.00@13.00.

Sheep—Firm. Wethers, 9.15@10.25; ewes, 6.50@9.90; lambs, 11.25@13.60.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, January 2. — Cotton goods were steady today on light trading. Yarns were easier. Men's wear openings attracted many buyers. Silks were in fair demand. Jobbers were active in spring merchandise on order.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

Market After an Active Day Closes at Net Gain of 27 to 36 Points.

New Orleans, Jan. 2.—Advances around the opening and toward the close and a slump about the middle of the session featured the trading in cotton here today. For a while there was general buying, following the opening and an advance of nearly $2 a bale was scored. A quick drop resulted from the rumor of a threatened submarine blockade of England by Germany, the most active months falling to a level one point under to nine points over last week's close. Late in the day the market recovered and last prices were steady at a net gain of 27 to 36 points.

Cables were better than due and the market opened at the advance, gaining 15 to 18 points in the early trading. Reports of a firm feeling in the interior spot markets and the quoting of Liverpool rates on cotton by ocean freight brokers following the withdrawal of rates last week, created a very favorable impression. Toward noon on a quiet but steady market, the advance was widened to 36 to 38 points.

Closing bids: January 16.92; March 17.09; May 17.35; July 17.55; October 16.16.

Spot cotton quiet, 12 points off; sales on the spot 485 bales; to arrive 305 bales; middling 17.13.

WHEAT PRICES SOAR UPWARD

Warlike Answer of the Allies to Central Powers' Peace Proposal was Principal Cause.

Chicago, January 2. — Soaring prices in the wheat market today resulted chiefly from the warlike answer which the Entente Allies made Saturday to the peace offer from Berlin. After an extreme ascent of seven cents a bushel, the market closed unsettled, 5⅜ to 5⅞ net higher, with May at 1.79⅞ to 1.80⅛, and July at 1.46⅝ to 1.46¾.

Corn gained 1⅝ to 2, and oats 1¼ to 1¾. Provisions finished at a range varying from 22½ decline to a rise of 7½.

Close:

Wheat—May, 1.79⅞; July, 1.46⅝.
Corn—May, 94⅞; July, 94.
Oats—May, 55⅝; July, 52⅝.
Pork—January, 20.75; May, 20.70.
Lard—January, 15.07; May, 15.57.
Ribs—January, 13.72; May, 14.20.
Cash grain:

Wheat—No. 2, red, nominal; No. 3, red, 1.82@1.85; No. 2, hard, 1.87⅝@1.88¼; No. 3, hard, 1.84⅛@1.85½.

Corn—No. 2, yellow, 93½@94¼; No. 4, yellow, 91@92½; No. 2, white, 91@92¾.

MARINE.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Steamers.

Str. Nicaria (Ger.), 3,283 tons, Holjasch, Heide & Co.

Str Kiel (Ger.), 2,872 tons, Lemke, Heide & Co.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

(Quoted Daily by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, Jan. 2.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—51c.
ROSIN—$5.60, $5.85.
TAR—$2.60-11c.
CRUDE TURPENTINE—$4.00, $4.00, $3.00.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine, 53½; rosin, $5.45 and $5.35; tar, $2.10-8½; crude turpentine, $3.50, $3.50, $2.50.

RECEIPTS:

Spirits Turpentine ..... (—)
Rosin ..... (—
Tar 87
Crude Turpentine ..... (—)

Receipts same day last year—Spirits turpentine, (—) casks; rosin, (—) barrels; tar, 140 barrels; crude turpentine, 54 barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—17¼c.; same day last year, 11½c.

Receipts—45 bales; same day last year, (—) bales.

Total receipts since August 1 to date, 73,785 bales.

Total receipts to same date last year, 135,372 bales.

BY RIVER AND RAIL

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at This Port Yesterday.

January 2, 1917.

Atlantic Coast Line—45 bales cotton; 37 barrels tar.

Total—45 bales cotton; 37 barrels tar.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Jan. 2.)

SWEET POTATOES—Yams, new, 65c. to 70c. bushel.
IRISH POTATOES—$2.00 per bu.
CORN—$1.15 to $1.17½ per bu.
BEEF—Native dressed, 9c. to 10c.
PORK—Small, 10c. to 12c. per pound.
WOOL—Burry, 20 to 22½; first class wool, 28 to 35; highest grade, washed wool, 38c.
SHEEP—Old, good quality, gross, 3 1-2 to 3c pound. Lambs, best quality, 6 to 7c pound.
HIDES—Green, salt, 18c. to 20c.
NORTH CAROLINA BACON — Old hams, 25c.; sides and shoulders, 20c. per lb.; good demand.
BEESWAX — Firm, 28c. per pound; good demand.
POULTRY—Turkeys, 20c. to 22½c. on foot; dressed, 25c. to 27½c. lb.; chickens, grown, 45c to 50c; spring, 20c to 25c head.
EGGS—32c to 38c dozen.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Jan. 2. — North Carolina peanuts; new crop, farmers' stock, fancy handpicked, $1.15; No. 1, machine, $1.12 per bushel.

Virginia peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, Jumbos, 80c.; fancy handpicked, 75c.; No. 1 machine picked, 65c.

Spanish peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, No. 1, small, machine picked, $1.30; Jumbos, $1.25 per bushel.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., Jan. 2. — Spanish — Farmers' stock—Market, steady, $1.30 per bu.

Virginias — Farmers' stock, market steady. Fancy Jumbo, 4c. to 4 1-2c. per lb.; Extra Prime, 3⅝c. to 4c. per lb.; Prime, 3½c. to 3⅝c.; Shelling stock, 3c. to 3½c.

COTTON SEED OIL MARKET.

New York, Jan. 2. — Cotton seed oil advanced 8 to 15 points early, on the firmness in cotton, but later turned easy under scattered liquidation, induced by the poor trade and export demand, and late decline in lard. Final prices were 2 to 7 points net lower. Sales, 22,200 barrels. Close, easier. Spot, 11.90 bid; January, 11.93@11.95; February, 11.78@11.86; March, 11.75@11.76; April, 11.75@11.80; May, 11.80@11.81; June, 11.81@11.86; July, 11.87@11.88; August, 11.89@11.94.

CALL FOR BANK REPORTS.

Washington, Jan. 2. — The Comptroller of the Currency today issued a call for the condition of all National banks at the close of business on Wednesday, December 27.

SAVANNAH NAVAL STORES.

Savannah, Jan. 2. — Turpentine, firm, 52¼@52½; sales, 895; receipts, 480; shipments, 590; stock, 23,140.

Resin — Firm. Sales, 2,221; receipts, 1,685; shipments, 5,255; stock, 92,374.

Quote: A, B, C, D, E, F, G, 6.20; H, I, 6.25; K, 6.45; M, 6.65; N, 6.95; W G, 7.00; W W, 7.25.

HIGHER PRICES IN STOCKS

New Year Ushered in With Some Decided Advances—Steels and Other Metals Were Features.

New York, Jan. 2—Higher quotations, some of which were later subject to variable and confusing changes, ushered in the New Year in the stock market. Opening gains of 2 to 5 points were followed by irregular declines and greater advances during the forenoon.

The foreign war news was accepted as indicating an indefinite prolongation of the conflict, causing extensive covering of leading munitions and equipments. Stocks of that group were reinforced by the strength of United States Steel and other seasoned industrials, steel making an extreme advance of 4 1-8 to 110 3-8 from which it yielded only a fraction. Bethlehem Steel was the conspicuous exception in its class, losing 15 points on a single sale. Gulf States and Nova Scotia were 10 points higher at their best with 2 to 5 for Republic Iron and Crucible, Lackawanna and Sloss-Sheffield Steels. Shipping shares and Motors were most erratic, Atlantic, Gulf and West Indies and United Fruit gaining 4 to more than 8 points while Mercantile Marines were heavy after a brief upward turn. Sugars, leathers, papers, Industrial Alcohol and such utilities as Ohio Gas and Columbia Gas, were variably better but failed to enlist any marked interest.

Utah copper led the metals to higher levels in the first half of the session, but that division sagged later, despite the extra dividend declared on Miami copper. Realizing was evident in the final hour, coinciding with reports of the cancellation of war orders. Rails were uneven throughout, in keeping with many November statements, some of which showed decided losses in net earnings.

International bonds were again irregular with some improvement in domestic issues. Total sales, par value, $4,780,000. United States bonds unchanged on call.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

Allis-Chalmers	27¾
American Beet Sugar	94¼
American Can	47
American Car and Foundry	87
American Cotton Oil	B. 48½
American Locomotive	79¼
American Smelting	105¼
American Sugar	111⅝
American Tel and Tel	123⅜
American Tobacco	B.216
American Zinc	38¼
Anaconda Copper	83¼
Atchison	104⅞
Atlantic Coast Line	B.117
Baldwin Locomotive	69½
Baltimore and Ohio	84½
Bethlehem Steel	510
Canadian Pacific	162¾
Central Leather	87½
Chesapeake and Ohio	65
Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul	90½
Chicago, R. I. and Pac. Ry	32⅝
Colorado Fuel and Iron	45¼
Consolidated Gas	132
Corn Products	23
Crucible Steel	63¾
Cuba Cane Sugar	52½
Erie	34⅛
General Electric	168¼
Great Northern, pfd	117¾
Great Northern Ore Ctfs	36
Goodrich	58⅜
Illinois Central	106
Inspiration Copper	58¼
Int. Mer. Marine, pfd	84¼
International Nickel	42⅜
International Paper	45
Kansas City Southern	25⅞
Kennecott Copper	46½
Lehigh Valley	75⅜
Louisville and Nashville	132
Liggett and Meyers	B.275
Lorillard Co	B.223
Maxwell Motors	50½
Mexican Petroleum	96
National Lead	58½
New York Central, ex. div	102⅝
N. Y., N. H. and Hartford	51½
Norfolk and Western	135½
Northern Pacific	109⅞
Pennsylvania	56⅞
Ray Consolidated Copper	26
Reading	102⅝
Rep. Iron and Steel	79
Seaboard Air Line	17
Seaboard Air Line, pfd	39
Sloss-Sheff. Steel and Iron	45½
Studebaker Corporation	103⅝
Southern Pacific	97⅝
Southern Railway	32
Southern Railway, pfd	68¾
Tennessee Copper	16½
Texas Co	230¾
Union Pacific	148⅛
United Fruit	151
United States Rubber	61½
United States Steel	109⅝
United States Steel, pfd	119⅞
Utah Copper	103⅝
Virginia-Caro. Chem	42½
Wabash, pfd., "B"	30½
Western Union	95¾
Westinghouse Electric	54¾
Missouri Pacific	W. i. 32⅝

NEW YORK MONEY MARKET.

New York, January 2. — Mercantile paper, 4@4¼; sterling sixty day bills, 4.71½; commercial sixty day bills on banks, 4.71¼; commercial sixty day bills, 4.71; demand, 4.75½; cables, 4.76 7-16. Bar silver, 75⅝; Mexican dollars, 58¼; government bonds, steady; railroad bonds, irregular. Time loans, steady; sixty and ninety days, 3½@3¾; six months, 3¾@4. Call money, steady; ruling rate, 2½.

NEW YORK LIVE STOCK.

New York, January 2. — Beeves—No trading. Calves, steady. Veals, 11.00@16.00; culls, 8.00@10.00.

Sheep and Lambs—Steady. Sheep, ewes, 6.00@8.00; lambs, 13.00@14.00.

Hogs—No trading.

NEW YORK PROVISIONS.

New York, Jan. 2. — Sugar—Raw, steady; centrifugal, 5.37; molasses sugar, 4.40; refined, easy.

Coffee — Spot, irregular; Rio No. 7, 9⅞; Santos, No. 4, 10⅞.

Warsaw, N. C., Jan. 2.—A good many changes of residences have taken place at the beginning of the year. Editor R. S. Taylor, of the Duplin Record, will move to the Wentworth Pierce place on the edge of town. Mr. Sam Elmore will move his family to the country, and Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Reams will move to the house vacated by them. Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Anderson, and family, formerly of the Warsaw Inn, have apartments in the Thomas Hotel.

THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

January 3, 1917.

Meteorological data for day ending at 8 P. M. yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 37 degrees; at 8 P. M., 53 degrees: maximum, 63 degrees; minimum, 46 degrees; mean, 54 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00 inch; rainfall for the month, to date, .10 inch.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M., Monday, 5.5 feet.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina—Partly overcast and warmer Wednesday; Thursday fair.

The Port Calendar, Jan. 3, 1917.

Sun rises ..... 7:18 A. M.
Sun sets ..... 5:15 P. M.
Day's length ..... 9 hrs. 57 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water. A.M.	P.M.	Low water. A.M.	P.M.
Wilmington	5:58	6:14	12:34	1:15
Southport	4:05	4:13	10:22	10:28
Masonboro Inl	3:54	4:02	10:02	10:08

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS
January 2, 1917.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature: Highest today.	Lowest Last night.	Precipitation at 8 P.
Abilene	clear	76	52	.0
Asheville	rain	54	38	.0
Atlanta	clear	58	48	.02
Augusta	clear	68	52	.0
Baltimore	clear	50	—	.0
Birmingh.	cldy	72	52	.0
Boston	clear	42	32	.0
Charleston	clear	66	56	.0
Charlotte	pt cldy	50	40	.0
Chicago	cldy	44	22	.0
Galveston	foggy	70	62	.0
Jacksonv	clear	74	58	.0
Memphis	pt cldy	62	48	.20
Mobile	cldy	70	58	.0
Montgom'y	clear	76	58	.0
New Orl.	cldy	78	64	.0
New York	cldy	42	32	.0
Oklahoma	clear	62	34	.0
Palestine	clear	74	62	.01
Pittsburg	pt cldy	44	32	.0
Raleigh	clear	58	38	.0
Savannah	clear	74	58	.0
Shreveport	pt cldy	70	60	.02
St. Louis	cldy	48	38	.0
Washing'n	clear	52	28	.0

HOKE COUNTY WILL GET MEDICAL SCHOOL INSPECTION

Teachers Vote for It and Will Make Plans to Finance It.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 2.—The school teachers of Hoke county are responsible for the schools of that county having medical school inspection. At a recent meeting of the teachers of the county, the proposition of the State Board of Health setting forth the plans of getting medical inspection for the schools of a county was put before the teachers and there was a unanimous vote for this feature of school health work.

According to Mr. J. A. McGougan, superintendent of the Hoke county schools, each school is to contribute for this purpose a certain amount which it is to raise by entertainments, subscriptions, or in other ways. The was the plan adopted by the teachers and a committee of five teachers, with Miss Sadie McBrayer, Sanatorium, N. C., as chairman, were appointed to make plans preparatory to inaugurating the work which will begin probably February 1. Dr. A. C. Rulla will be put in charge of the work. The schools of Raeford, county seat of Hoke, will also get this feature of health work.

MARRIAGES AT WARSAW.

Rev. A. O. Moore Officiates for Wilmington Couple.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Warsaw, N. C., Jan. 2.—Miss Carrie Swinson and Mr. Joe Swinson, of near Warsaw, were married at the Baptist parsonage Sunday afternoon, at 4 o'clock, Rev. A. O. Moore, officiating.

Mr. Moore also performed the marriage ceremony for a Wilmington couple during Christmas week. The marriage was not announced here until after it was published in Wilmington papers as it was understood at the time that the young couple wished to keep the fact to themselves for a month or two.

SENATOR SIMMONS WITHDRAWS.

Quits New Bern Law Firm to Which He Has Belonged 20 Years.

New Bern, N. C., Jan. 2.—After having been connected with the law firm of Simmons & Ward for 21 years, Senator F. M. Simmons today withdrew from the firm and his partner, Mr. A. D. Ward, has taken his son, Mr. William F. Ward, into co-partnership with him.

This law firm is one of the oldest in the eastern section of the State. Mr. Ward and Senator Simmons have been interested in thousands of legal actions and the firm is known all over this section.

SUPERIOR TO COPAIBA & INJECTIONS
SANTAL CAPSULES MIDY
RELIEVES IN 24 HOURS

THROUGH SLEEPING CARS TO RALEIGH.

Through sleeping cars are now operated between Wilmington and Raleigh, daily, except Sunday, on the following schedules:

3:30 A.M.	Lv. Wilmington	Ar.	1:15 A.M.
6:25 A.M.	Ar. Goldsboro	Lv.	10:25 P.M.
6:45 A.M.	Lv. Goldsboro	Ar.	9:25 P.M.
7:40 A.M.	Ar. Selma	Lv.	8:38 P.M.
8:52 A.M.	Ar. Raleigh	Lv.	7:25 P.M.

Sleepers will be open to receive passengers after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied, southbound, until 7:00 A. M.

For reservations and further information

'Phone 160.
ATLANTIC COAST LINE
The Standard Railroad of the South.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE

Arrivals and Departures of Trains at Wilmington, Effective Jan. 3, 1917. Time Not Guaranteed.

DEPARTURES	TO AND FROM	ARRIVALS
No. 90 3:40 A. M. Daily except Sunday.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad. Through Sleeping Car between Wilmington and Raleigh. Open to receive passengers, after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied, Southbound, until 7:00 A. M.	No. 91 1:15 A. M. Daily except Monday.
No. 51 5:30 A. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia open to receive outbound passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied, inbound, until 7:00 A. M.	No. 50 12:20 A. M. Daily.
No. 64 5:15 A. M. Mon., Wed. and Fri. only	Jacksonville, New Bern and Intermediate stations.	No. 65 6:15 P. M. Mon., Wed. and Fri. only.
No. 48 8:00 A. M Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington. **Parlor cars between Wilmington and Norfolk, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains having Pullman service.**	No. 49 6:05 P. M. Daily.
No. 53 8:45 A. M. Daily.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 52 8:00 P. M. Daily.
No. 67 3:05 P. M. Daily.	Jacksonville, New Bern and intermediate stations.	No. 63 12:30 P. M. Daily.
No. 55 3:45 P. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Florence, Columbia, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida points. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta. **Sleeping cars daily between Florence and Columbia,** which may be occupied at Columbia until 7:00 A. M.	No. 54 12:50 P. M. Daily.
No. 59 6:30 P. M. Tuesday, Thursday and Sat. only.	Fayetteville and intermediate stations.	No. 60 10:15 A. M. Tuesday, Thursday and Sat. only.
No. 42 6:45 P. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York Trains, carrying dining cars; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41 9:50 A. M. Daily.

For folders, reservations, rates of fares, etc., call 'phone 160.

W. J. CRAIG, Passenger Traffic Manager.
T. C. WHITE, General Passenger Agent.
WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

IN EFFECT DECEMBER 4 1916.

WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE, WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH

WEEK DAYS

EASTBOUND			WESTBOUND		
Leave "Electric Centre" for Winter Park	Leave "Electric Centre" for Wrightsville	Leave "Electric Centre" for Beach	Leave Beach for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington
6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	.....	6:15 A.M.	6:26 A.M.
6:50 A.M.	6:50 A.M.	.....	.....	7:20 A.M.	7:31 A.M.
8:00 A.M.	8:00 A.M.	.....	7:40 A.M.	7:50 A.M.	8:01 A.M.
8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	.....	8:30 A.M.	8:41 A.M.
10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	9:15 A.M.	9:25 A.M.	9:36 A.M.
11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	10:45 A.M.	10:55 A.M.	11:06 A.M.
1:10 P.M.	1:10 P.M.	*1:10 P.M.	12:15 P.M.	12:25 P.M.	12:36 P.M.
1:55 P.M.	1:55 P.M.	.....	!1:45 P.M.	1:50 P.M.	2:01 P.M.
2:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	.....	.....	2:25 P.M.	2:36 P.M.
3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	.....	3:00 P.M.	3:11 P.M.
3:30 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	.....	3:50 P.M.
4:10 P.M.	.....	.....	3:45 P.M.	3:55 P.M.	4:06 P.M.
4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	.....	.....	4:30 P.M.
4:50 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	.....	5:10 P.M.
5:30 P.M.	5:30 P.M.	.....	5:15 P.M.	5:25 P.M.	5:36 P.M.
6:10 P.M.	6:10 P.M.	.....	.....	6:00 P.M.	6:11 P.M.
6:40 P.M.	6:40 P.M.	*6:40 P.M.	.....	6:40 P.M.	6:51 P.M.
7:15 P.M.	7:15 P.M.	.....	!7:15 P.M.	7:20 P.M.	7:31 P.M.
8:15 P.M.	8:15 P.M.	.....	.....	7:55 P.M.	8:06 P.M.
9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	.....	8:45 P.M.	8:56 P.M.
10:15 P.M.	10:15 P.M.	.....	10:00 P.M.	10:10 P.M.	10:21 P.M.
11:15 P.M.	11:15 P.M.	.....	.....	10:45 P.M.	10:56 P.M.
.....	.....	.....	.....	11:45 P.M.	11:56 P.M.

*Does not go beyond Station No. 3 on Beach. !Leaves from Station No. 3,

SUNDAYS

EASTBOUND.			WESTBOUND.		
Leave "Electric Center." for Winter Park	Leave "Electric Center." for Wrightsville	Leave "Electric Center." for Beach	Leave Beach for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington
6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	*6:30 A.M.	!7:05 A.M.	7:15 A.M.	7:26 A.M.
8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	!9:05 A.M.	9:15 A.M.	9:26 A.M.
10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	.....	10:20 A.M.	10:31 A.M.
11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	10:45 A.M.	10:55 A.M.	11:06 A.M.
1:00 P.M.	1:00 P.M.	1:00 P.M.	12:15 P.M.	12:25 P.M.	12:36 P.M.
2:00 P.M.	2:00 P.M.	2:00 P.M.	1:45 P.M.	1:55 P.M.	2:06 P.M.
2:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	2:45 P.M.	2:55 P.M.	3:06 P.M.
3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	3:15 P.M.	3:25 P.M.	3:36 P.M.
3:30 P.M.	3:30 P.M.	3:30 P.M.	3:45 P.M.	3:55 P.M.	4:06 P.M.
4:00 P.M.	4:00 P.M.	4:00 P.M.	4:15 P.M.	4:25 P.M.	4:36 P.M.
4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	4:45 P.M.	4:55 P.M.	5:06 P.M.
5:00 P.M.	5:00 P.M.	5:00 P.M.	5:15 P.M.	5:25 P.M.	5:36 P.M.
5:30 P.M.	5:30 P.M.	.....	5:45 P.M.	5:55 P.M.	6:06 P.M.
6:10 P.M.	6:10 P.M.	.....	.....	6:00 P.M.	6:11 P.M.
6:40 P.M.	6:40 P.M.	*6:40 P.M.	.....	6:40 P.M.	6:51 P.M.
7:15 P.M.	7:15 P.M.	.....	!7:15 P.M.	7:20 P.M.	7:31 P.M.
8:15 P.M.	8:15 P.M.	.....	.....	7:55 P.M.	8:06 P.M.
9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	.....	8:45 P.M.	8:56 P.M.
10:15 P.M.	10:15 P.M.	.....	10:00 P.M.	10:10 P.M.	10:21 P.M.
11:15 P.M.	11:15 P.M.	.....	.....	10:45 P.M.	10:56 P.M.
.....	.....	.....	.....	11:45 P.M.	11:56 P.M.

*Does not go beyond Station No. 3 on Beach. !Leaves from Station No. 3

FREIGHT SCHEDULE (DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.)

Leave Ninth and Orange Streets, 3:30 P. M.
Freight Depot Open from 2:30 to 3:30 P. M.

SPECIAL NOTICE — This Table shows the time at which trains may be expected to arrive at and depart from the several stations, but the arrivals and departures are not guaranteed.

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Prices and Information on Application.

CLYDE LINE

TO NEW YORK
AND
GEORGETOWN, S. C.

New York to Wilmington.

S. S. Chippewa..Saturday, December 30
S. S. Cherokee...Thursday, January 11

Wilmington to Georgetown

S. S. Chippewa..Tuesday, January 2nd
S. S. Cherokee...Saturday, January 13

Wilmington to New York

S. S. Chippewa...Monday, December 25
S. S. Chippewa...Saturday, January 6th

S. S. Chippewa DOES NOT carry passengers.

S. S. Cherokee carries first class passengers only.

CLYDE STEAMSHIP CO,
C. J. BECKER, Agent.
Wilmington, N. C.
General Offices: Pier 36 N. R., New York

SEABOARD AIR LINE RAILWAY

The Progressive Railway of the South.
Effective Nov. 12th, 1916.
DEPARTURE OF TRAINS FROM WILMINGTON:

No. 13—3:55 P. M.—Train for Charlotte and Intermediate Points. PULLMAN PARLOR CAR, WILMINGTON TO CHARLOTTE.

No. 19—5:00 A. M.—Train for Charlotte and Intermediate Points. SLEEPING CAR BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND CHARLOTTE. Open at 10:00 P. M., for Passengers.

ARRIVAL OF TRAINS AT WILMINGTON:

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FURTHER EFFORTS TO ADJUST THE MEXICAN SITUATION UNLIKELY

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stitutionalist forces have taken position to the south of the American forces so as to make effective such occupation and protection. The Mexican commissioners shall determine the plan for the occupation and protection of the territory evacuated by the American forces.

"Article IV.—The American and Mexican commanders shall deal separately, or wherever practicable in friendly co-operation, with any obstacles which may arise tending to delay the withdrawal. In case there are any further activities of the forces inimical to the constitutional government which threaten the safety of the international border along the northern section of Chihuahua the withdrawal of American forces shall not be delayed beyond the period strictly necessary to overcome such activities.

"Article V.—The withdrawal of American troops shall be effected by marching to Columbus, or by using the Mexican Northwestern railroad to El Paso or by both routes as may be deemed most convenient or expedient by the American commander.

"Article VI.—Each of the governments parties to this agreement shall guard its side of the international boundary. This, however, does not preclude such co-operation on the part of the military commanders of both countries as may be practicable.

"Article VII.—This agreement shall take effect immediately upon approval by both governments. Notification of approval shall be communicated by each government to the other.

"In testimony, thereof, we have signed, sealed and inter-changed reciprocally this protocol of agreement, ad referendum, in the English and Spanish languages at Atlantic City, N. J., this twentyfourth day of November in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and sixteen.

(Signed) "FRANKLIN K. LANE,
"GEORGE GRAY,
"JOHN R. MOTT,
"LUIS CABRERA,
"YGNACIO BONILLAS,
"ALBERTO J. PANI."

Statement Accompanying Protocol

It also was announced for the first time that at the time the protocol was sent to Mexico, it was accompanied by a brief statement agreed upon by the joint commission as follows:

"It shall be understood that if we meet for the discussion of other questions, the American commissioners will not ask that any final agreement shall be reached as to any such questions while the American troops are in Mexico."

Carranza's reply was not made public. He is understood to have taken the position that he could not sign the protocol because it would put him in the position of sanctioning the presence of American troops on Mexican soil.

Three resolutions directing the Secretary of War, the Attorney General and the Secretary of the Treasury to transmit to the House information relating to the shipment of arms and war munitions into Mexico, in alleged violation of law, were introduced today by Representative Kahn, of California.

RE-CAPTURE WAR MUNITIONS SEIZED BY VILLA FORCES.

El Paso, Texas, Jan. 2.—An official report received here today by Andreas Garcia, inspector general of Carranza consulates, from General Francisco Murguia, at Chihuahua City, announcing the capture of a large quantity of war munitions in a cache at Terreros, in western Chihuahua, was the first admission by the Carranza government that Villa had succeeded in obtaining a large quantity of ammunition and arms in Chihuahua City during his recent occupation of that place.

The message stated that 6,000 shrapnel shells, 15,000 rounds of rifle cartridges, 400 rifles, eight cannon, a number of machine guns, hand grenades, uniforms and army stores of various kinds had been recaptured.

STORE DAMAGED BY FIRE.

Fayetteville Man Offers Reward for Conviction of "Fire Bug."

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Fayetteville, N. C., Jan. 2.—John McIver, of this city, is offering a reward of $50 for information sufficient to convict the person or persons who he charges set fire to his store on Ramsey street early Monday morning, shortly after the new year had made its entrance. Firemen saved the building from total destruction, though about $200 damage was done to the structure, while the stock was also damaged by water. Mr. McIver believes that the fire was incendiary.

Warren Carver, a farmer, huntsman, and Confederate veteran, who lives near Hope Mills in this county, received his annual Christmas card from Harry K. Thaw this year. Mr. Carver sent Thaw a box of Christmas holly when the latter was in Matteawan and has received a card of greeting from him at each Yule Tide season since.

EXPORTS OF MANUFACTURES WERE GREATEST IN HISTORY.

No Country Has Ever Equalled Record of United States Last Year.

New York, Jan. 2.—From the United States in 1916 manufactures were exported to a value greater than the value of manufactures exported from any country in any year, according to a compilation issued tocay by the National City Bank which showed that the year's total exceeded $3,000,000,000 as against $2,012,000,000, the highest export record made by Great Britain in 1913. Prior to the war the United States held third rank.

TORREON RE-CAPTURED

Villistas Defeated in Four-Day Battle, It is Announced.

Mexico City, Jan. 2.—The war department announced tonight that Torreon had been recaptured by General Maycotte after a bitter fight, the followers of Villa being defeated in a four hour battle. The Villa forces retreated toward Gomez Palacio and Lerdo where they made another stand this afternoon but were beaten back after three hours engagement. The are now being closely pursued by the government troops. It is reported that a large amount of arms and ammunition was captured by Maycotte.

URGE HOLDING OF COTTON

Business Men to Insist That Growers Hold for Twenty Cents.

Eelma, Ala., Jan. 2.—One hundred business men of the South, under the direction of C. W. Cooper, R. H. Agee and W. C. Agee, of this city, have organized to urge cotton growers to hold their staple for 20 cents a pound, it was announced here today. An extensive campaign among cotton growers is planned.

REFLECTS GERMAN IMPRESSION AS TO REPLY OF ALLIES

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Entente has simply taken what it needed and by blockade and hunger has forced the Greeks to surrender those things which the Entente was unable to take."

The British Proposal in 1914.

"What about the reproach that Germany in the decisive work of July (1914) declined the British proposal of a conference and thus made war unavoidable?"

To this Dr. Hammann replied:

"The proposal for a conference was made July 26 by Grey.

"The meaning of it was that the delegates of France, Italy and Germany should meet with Grey in conference, and try to find a way out of a difficult situation. The first condition making the holding of such a conference possible should have been that the Russian cabinet declare its consent, but it answered July 27 in an evasive answer and referred to conversations with the Austro-Hungarian ambassador of St. Petersburg (Petrograd) as having begun under the most favorable auspices.

"The following day Grey agreed to the German proposal that direct understanding between Vienna and St. Petersburg would result in quicker and better action. Thus Grey on July 28 telegraphed to Goschen (British ambassador at Berlin):

"'But as long as there is a prospect of a direct exchange of views between Austria and Russia, I should suspend every other suggestion as I entirely agree that it is the most preferable method of all.'

"I can only advise every one to read the English Blue Book, if he wants to be informed about these matters. But to my mind it seems to be altogether wrong to look for the real causes of the war in the events during the last weeks of July, 1914. Then, perhaps, the last impulse for war was given, but the real cause must be found a considerable time before.

Designs Against Germany

"Since the Anglo-French treaty of 1904 a complete literature had sprung up in France, in which openly and loudly the conquest of Alsace-Lorraine was discussed and everything said in order to suggest to the French the idea of Germany's inferiority. The Entente note points out that at the last peace conference Germany treated the proposition to disarm with distrust. But Germany knew then pertinently that the proposition was mainly directed against her existence.

"Russia, after the economic regulation that followed the war with Japan, had worked with increasing zeal for the preparedness of her army. When Germany employed the surplus of her youth for military service, France, in order to surpass us, introduced a three years' service, thus sapping her capital of vital national forces. Six months before the beginning of the war, the French military specialists published openly discussions regarding the reasons for billions and billions of French money streaming into Russia and the conditions under which France loaned this money. France had asked in return for her loans the construction of strategical railroads in Russia.

"In this literature, it was explained with all the circumstances, that not Warsaw, but Grodno and Kovno would be the base fod Russian deployment because from there the Prussian army corps in Koenigsburg and Allenstein could most quickly be rolled up and thus the road to Berlin could be opened.

"In August, 1014, the attempt was made at least to make things go this way. And today they want to persuade the nations of the world that Germany prepared herself not for protection against an aggressive coalition but in order to annihilate France.

Allies Avoid One Issue.

"The same people who promised to Russia the conquest and possession of Constantinople, dare to assert that Germany has aggressive intentions. Of course, the conquest of Constantinople, which was announced by Trepoff (the Russian premier) in the duma, is passed in silence in the Entente note, just as they, in a discussion of diplomatic events in July, 1914, elegantly slide over the decisive event—that brusque intervention in all attempts at mediation by the Russian mobilization which was even repeatedly dissuaded by the English ambassador at St. Petersburg."

"Do you think that under these circumstances, the moral indignation in the tone of the Entente note is sincere?" he was asked.

"Most certainly I do," replied Dr. Hammann, with vivacity. "I am of the same opinion as Bernard Shaw and consider the sincerity of this moral indignation as a new instance of the providential harmony between the interests and moral and political ideas of England. We know this moral indignation from history. When the Prussians and Austrians marched into Schleswig-Holstein, in order to assist their countrymen and fight on the side of the Schleswig-Holstein irredentitsts for the independence of the German race, then Lord Palmerston and Lord Shaftsbury in the lower and upper houses, manifested the same moral indignation. They also immediately found the same sincere words as 'outrage,' 'violence,' 'most cowardly' and 'frightful atrocities.'

"Sincere was Sir Edward Grey's indignation when on July 29, 1914, he received from the German chancellor the suggestion that Germany, if English neutrality were guaranteed, would enter into an obligation not to aspire to territorial extension at France's cost, also, if Germany were victorious in the war. At that time also Grey declared this proposal as most shameful and the offer of mean (base) traffic at France's expense."

"And the reproaches that the German peace offer contained nothing tangible," was suggested.

Germany's Tangible Point.

"The tangible point," said Dr. Hammann, "was that Germany declared her readiness to communicate her peace conditions in conference with her adversaries. The Entente has declined this proposal. To me it seems evident that the Entente, when doing this, felt seriously concerned and greatly depressed on account of the impression this refusal of the Germany peace offer must make on the neutral world.

"This is clearly indicated by the tone of the Entente note. It is exactly as if the Entente were in a certain sense afraid to listen to the conditions of the Central Powers. Are those men who gave to the Entente note its particular tone, perhaps afraid that these conditions of the Central Powers are much too sensible and moderate for them before their nations, who long for peace, to undertake the responsibility of declining those individual conditions?

Allies Want to Dictate Peace.

"At all events our adversaries would have acted more frankly if they had flatly and plainly said: 'We will wait because we still hope that we need not negotiate, but can dictate the terms of peace.' In order to avoid this awkward avowal, the Entente now takes the attitude of the judge of the world.

"But all that the Entente obtains by this proceeding is that its guilt for the continuation of the war unmistakably in the eyes of the whole world is not diminished, but increased."

"And what will the Central Powers reply to this note?" was asked.

Dr. Hammann answered: "I am no more in office; I do not know what is the official peace plan. I do not know the official peace plan, but I do know what every German, what every citizen in the countries allied with us feels at this hour—however, to such overbearing language there need be no discussion."

GERMAN PAPERS COMMENT ON REPLY OF THE ALLIES

London, Jan. 2.—Comments of the German papers on the Entente reply to the German peace proposal are sent by Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam, as indicating the universal conviction that peace now is impossible and that the Central Powers must continue to prosecute the war with the utmost vigor.

The Berlin Lokal Anzeiger considers that nobody will be shocked, because the Entente's refusal was anticipated and adds:

"Our answer can only be given on the battlefield."

The Vossische Zeitung says:

"All possibilities of further negotiations has disappeared under this scornful reply. There is only one rejoinder, namely, warfare until the cold steel of our arms has brought the fever temperature of our enemies down to something near normal."

The Berlin Tageblatt says:

"We would gladly have written 'peace be unto thee' over the gate of the New Year but it would be childish to seek in the Entente's reply any expressions but those of an absolute 'no'."

The Krue Zeitung says:

"The form of Entente's rejection make it an insult. Our reply can only be given with the sword."

The Vorwaerts says:

"Since our enemies desire to continue the war, no choice remains to the German people. There will be on illusion that behind the refusal lies the hope of finally being able to lay Germany prostrate. It is to the interest of the whole German people to frustrate this design."

965 BELGIANS AND POLES ARRIVE IN THIS COUNTRY

Belgians, Numbering 221, Will Reside With Relatives in Middle West.

New York, Jan. 2.—Nine hundred and sixty-five refugees from Belgium and Russian Poland arrived here tonight from Rotterdam on the steamship Nieuw Rotterdam of the Holland-America Line. The Belgians, numbering 221, were brought here by the Belgian Relief Society of Chicago, and will make their homes with relatives in the Middle West.

With the Belgians were 744 Russian Poles, sent over by the aid of various Polish societies. Many of the children among the refugees were inadequately clothed but the American Red Cross dispatched to the liner in quarantine a supply of 250 childrens' outfits.

JAPANESE MERCHANT SHIPS TO BE ARMED DEFENSIVELY.

Embassy at Washington Notifies the State Department.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Japan through the embassy here notified the State Department today of her intention to arm her merchant ships defensively and requested information as to whether any special rules had been made by this government for passage of ships so armed through the Panama canal.

PRESIDENT HAS OPEN MIND ON PEACE SUBJECT WHILE AWAITING ALLIES' ANSWER

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night that the Republicans will insist upon thorough debate if Senator Hitchcock persists tomorrow in his demand for a vote without reference to a committee. Such a discussion, it was pointed out tonight, might lead to another general debate on the European war situation, such as characterized the controversy at the last session of Congress over the right of American citizens to travel on armed ships of belligerents.

Senator Stone declared that the simple question involved in the issue was whether the Senate should endorse a movement calculated to open the way for bringing about peace in Europe. For the Senate to hesitate, now that the resolution confronted it, he said, would destroy the moral effect of the proposed endorsement upon the nations at war.

Views of many Republican senators were epitomized by Senator Lodge, who declared the resolution opened up a "very large, grave and important subject."

"I trust," he added, "that it will be realized that this thing cannot be rushed through, involving, as it does, our relations to all the world."

A resolution similar to that of Senator Hitchcock was introduced in the House late today by Representative McKellar, of Tennessee, and referred without discussion to the foreign affairs committee.

It was stated at the State Department that no more neutral countries had replied to the President's note, and that, though copies were sent to all the South American republics for their information none of them had felt it necessary to reply in any way.

Congratulatory and optimistic telegrams from abroad were received today from the Swedish League for the Democracy of Justice, the Central Board of the Social Democratic Women's Association of Stockholm; the Congress of Belgian Socialist Workmen in Holland; the Swedish section of the International Committee of Women for Permanent Peace; the General Dutch Alliance; the Federation of Christian Teachers or Holland and Colonies; the Swedish Peace committee; the Liberal Dutch Labor Federation; the Dutch Theosophical Association of World Peace, and the Women's Christian Temperance Union of Sweden.

EXPRESSES FEAR O F WIDER PREVALENCE OF PELLAGRA.

Washington, Jan. 2.—A fear that high food prices, by unbalancing diets, may lead to a wider prevalence of pellagra in the United States during the coming year is expressed in a bulletin issued today by the public health service.

"As a result of government researches," says the bulletin, "it was found that pellagra is produced by an insufficient, poorly-balanced diet. The application of this knowledge greatly reduced pellagra during 1916 as compared with previou years.

"It is feared, however, that pellagra may increase in 1917 by reason of an increase in food cost out of proportion to the prosperity now enjoyed by this country.

"In effecting economies the general public should bear in mind the importance of a properly balanced diet.

"Milk, meat, eggs, beans and peas, says the statement, are the best preventatives of pellagra.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE opened by the Lighthouse Inspector, Charleston, S. C., at 12 o'clock, noon, January 25, 1917, for constructing two marine boilers of the gunboat type to be delivered at Charleston, S. C. Information upon application to the above office

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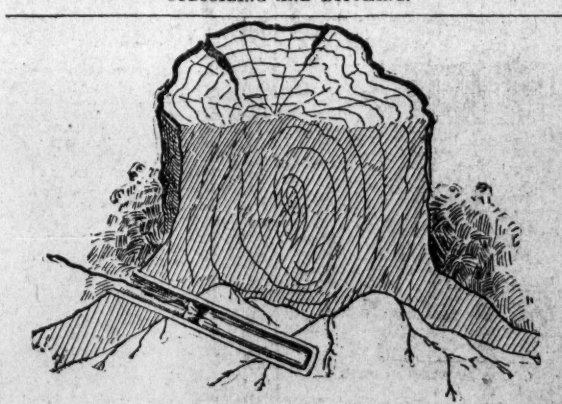

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